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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO

ON 9/16/92, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INFORMED WMFO THAT IT IS
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STAFFERS OF REPRESENTATIVES KOLTER, ROSTENKOSWKI AND MURPHY.

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*Per tele 9-21-92
SSA [redacted] advised
Bu approval for interview
of all individuals listed
above. We advised additional
names would be forthcoming
9-21-92*

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POSTAGE STAMPS BY THE SUBJECTS. THESE PERSONS TO BE
INTERVIEWED, LISTED BY REPRESENTATIVE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KOLTER:

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ROSTENKOWSKI:

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MURPHY:

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WMFO IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

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ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME EXACTLY WHEN THESE INTERVIEWS WILL OCCUR, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

WMFO WILL ADVISE FBIHQ OF THE CURRENT TITLES OF THE INDIVIDUALS STILL EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE POSITIONS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY THE HOUSE. WMFO WILL ALSO ADVISE FBIHQ OF THE INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES THAT WILL BE UTILIZED TO CONDUCT THESE INTERVIEWS.

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Date of transcription 9/10/92

[redacted] was contacted at his place of residence, [redacted], by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] of the Washington Metropolitan Field Office (Northern Virginia Metropolitan Resident Agency), Washington, D. C., and was advised that he was being contacted regarding his relationship with Congressman JOSEPH KOLTER of the State of Pennsylvania. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he had first come in contact with Congressman KOLTER approximately ten years ago. He stated that his wife (who recently passed away) was involved in the local Democratic organization, and had become involved with the election of Congressman KOLTER in 1982. [redacted] stated that up to the time that his wife passed away, he was not directly involved with any of Congressman KOLTER's campaign, however, since her death he became the part-time [redacted] for the Congressman's re-election. He stated that the office was located in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and it was directed by [redacted] who was [redacted] stated that he was strictly a volunteer and received no compensation whatsoever for his work.

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[redacted] advised that his main duties were to accept and record contributions that were made to the KOLTER campaign and to issue checks for the campaign's expenses. [redacted] stated that among these duties as were the issuing of checks for either postage stamps, bulk mail, campaign literature, and checks for "friends" of Congressman KOLTER who requested his assistance in running for a particular office. Also, [redacted] stated that he issued checks for office supplies at the district office as needed. With the exception of small checks for various office supplies, Congressman KOLTER directed [redacted] to issue all checks as needed and in turn, [redacted] was provided a receipt for each check by Congressman KOLTER.

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At times, Congressman KOLTER would request [REDACTED] to issue a check for campaign ads on local radio spots and newspapers in connection with his re-election. These checks would be in the amount of \$25.00 to as high as \$100.00. [REDACTED] stated that he would also issue checks at the local Beaver Falls Post Office for "metered mail and bulk mail" permits for various campaign literature. He stated that he often times would receive donations in check or cash, however, he stated he never maintained a "petty cash fund", and always deposited any cash donations in the Congressman's campaign fund account.

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[REDACTED] stated that he would travel to Washington, D. C., approximately two times a year for fund raising parties at the Democratic Club located on Capitol Hill. He stated that while he was only at the Congressman's office twice a year, he never noticed any of his (Congressman KOLTER's) staff members working during normal working hours on the Congressman's campaign (i.e. stuffing envelopes, placing stamps on envelopes, etc.). He stated that it was his understanding that all this work was done at night and/or on weekends.

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[REDACTED] was asked specifically about three checks that were entered on reports submitted to the F.E.C.: June 8, 1990, payable to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C. 20515, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for campaign mailing; October 1, 1990, payable to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$4,800.00 for campaign mailing; and May 2, 1991, payable to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$2,000.00 for postage mailing.

[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his knowledge either the \$2,500.00 check or the \$4,800.00 check was originally requested by [REDACTED] for a "pro-life group" donation, the name of which [REDACTED] cannot recall. However, [REDACTED] learned that whichever of these checks was suppose to be for the pro-life group, it was ultimately used for campaign mass mailing, and that Congressman KOLTER had changed his mind regarding the donation to the pro-life group. [REDACTED] stated that it was common practice that when the Congressman requested a check for campaign mass mailing it was forwarded directly to his office in Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED] stated that it was the practice that each and every check that was issued to Congressman KOLTER was

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followed by a receipt, which [redacted] maintained with his records, including the canceled checks when returned from the bank. He stated however that for the \$2,000.00 check and the \$2,500.00 check he received no receipts, even though he requested these receipts several times, and was told by the Congressman that these checks were for mass campaign mailing.

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[redacted] stated that this troubled him as this was contrary to general accounting principles and he had misgivings about reporting these amounts to the F.E.C. because of this.

Regarding the \$4,800.00 check, [redacted] advised that he asked several times for a receipt for this expenditure and that he was finally provided a handwritten receipt that was dated 10/10/90, bearing the title "U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Postmaster, Washington, D.C., 20515", in the amount of \$4,800.00 and signed by [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked about an entry on his F.E.C. report dated December 3, 1986, payable to the U.S. Postmaster, 900 Brentwood Road, N.E., Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$50.00, the purpose of which was a 1987 permit used by committee for fund raisers. [redacted] stated that he was aware of the payment of monies for postal permits for mailings, but he knows nothing about any arrangements or procedures for a permit at the post office in Washington, D. C. He stated that the only postage permit that he was familiar with was at the local post office in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, which was obtained for metered mail and bulk mail.

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[redacted] was asked about the following checks, reported to the F.E.C., which were all issued to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C.: October 28, 1985, \$700.00; February 18, 1986, \$506.00; February 19, 1986, \$300.00; October 7, 1986, \$8,225.00; April 22, 1987, \$1,200.00; and May 20, 1987, \$1,000.00 and June 8, 1990, for \$2,500.00.

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[redacted] stated that he maintains F.E.C. reports for only a three year period, and that all previous reports are destroyed, and therefore he can only speculate based on the information provided by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] what these amounts were for. He stated that the \$700.00 amount was for postage for fund raising. He stated that the check for \$506.00 was for stamps used for a fund raiser benefit on March 19, 1986, and that

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the \$300.00 check issued the following day was for thank you letters to all the contributors.

Regarding the check in the amount of \$8,250.00, [REDACTED] stated that he can't recall specifically, however, due to the large amount of the check it was quite possibly for bulk mail campaign literature for Congressman KOLTER's district in Pennsylvania. Regarding the checks in the amount of \$1,200.00 and \$1,000.00 and \$2500.00, [REDACTED] stated that he could only speculate, however, they could possibly have been for postage for mass mailing of campaign literature which could possibly have been directed to various senior citizens groups.

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[REDACTED] stated that he never paid attention to the amount of each check requested by Congressman KOLTER regardless of how large. He stated that it was not uncommon for various Congressmen to spend several thousands of dollars on their campaign for campaign literature and/or postage.

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[REDACTED] was asked if he had observed any items such as coasters, ash trays, or crystal glasses in Congressman KOLTER's District Offices, and if so, what was done with these items. [REDACTED] stated that he had noticed these items and it was his impression that these items were given (not sold) to constituents to give to various supportive organizations for "give aways" and/or door prizes for various social functions.

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[REDACTED] was asked if he had ever noticed large numbers of American flags in the District Offices. [REDACTED] stated that he had noticed large numbers of American flags, and that these flags were sold for various amounts at the Beaver Falls District Office. He stated that these flags were in three sizes.

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[REDACTED] stated that the most recent check issued, according to the F.E.C. report, was dated May 2, 1991, to the U.S. Postmaster, Washington, D. C. in the amount of \$2,000.00, and was issued for postage for mailing.

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[REDACTED] stated that the only time that he was aware that Congressman KOLTER gave stamps to "someone else" was for a friend who was running for a political office (whose name [REDACTED] cannot recall) in the State of Pennsylvania. He stated that these stamps were given to this individual for

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mailing out campaign literature. _____ was asked about his knowledge of _____. He stated that he had first met _____ in 1982 when he was _____ for Congressman KOLTER. Then, in approximately the year 1986 or 1987, _____ went to work in Washington, D. C. as Congressman KOLTER's _____. _____ stated that he knew little else regarding _____ background.

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_____ was asked about his knowledge of checks issued in the amount of \$200.00 (almost on a monthly basis) to Computer Services Incorporated, during the period January, 1988 to April, 1990. _____ explained that this company is "owned" by _____, who is currently KOLTER's _____. He stated that this company's purpose was to computerize mailings that were sent out by KOLTER and to organize various campaign information for the Congressman including F.E.C. reports prepared by _____ himself. He stated that the \$200.00 per check issued was a constant fee, and he noted that at times he felt that the work done for this service was sub-par, while at other times he felt the work done was more than the standard \$200.00 payment. He stated that all in all, this amount balanced out over the months that the work was done.

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_____ was asked of his knowledge of a republican in the State of Pennsylvania by the last name of _____ (phonetic). He stated that he was aware that this individual was a _____ for the Republican Party, however, he himself cannot recall ever making a check out to him, and he cannot recall Congressman KOLTER ever contributing anything to this individual.

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_____ summarized by stating that he "is not a political person", and only became involved in the Congressman's re-election committee for something to do. He stated that he personally likes Congressman KOLTER, however, stated that at times he was "absent minded," which could explain why he did not forward to _____ a receipt for a large check issued by him. Also, he stated that he does not know the Congressman's future plans inasmuch as he was not nominated for re-election, however, noted that the Congressman is currently suffering from prostate cancer. The extent of this illness is not immediately known by _____.

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At the conclusion of the interview, voluntarily provided to the interviewing agents canceled checks for Congressman KOLTER's re-election campaign as well as accompanying receipts, for the period July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1992.

The following description of was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:
Address:

Telephone number (home):
Date of birth:
Social Security
Account Number:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Occupation:

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PASS: ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNITb6
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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO

PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO REQUEST
FBIHQ AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT CONSENSUAL AUDIO AND CCTV
MONITORING IN CAPTIONED MATTER BETWEEN AND

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DETAILS: THIS REQUEST REQUIRES DOJ APPROVAL. FOR THE
INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED INTO THIS MATTER
HAS DETERMINED THAT
 HAS LIED IN PREVIOUS
TESTIMONY TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN THE SPRING OF 1992.

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS CONVICTED

OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HIS ATTORNEY HAVE APPROACHED THE

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VOLUNTARILY AND ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AUSAS AND [REDACTED] ATTORNEY ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF MAKING THIS KNOWN TO [REDACTED]
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA (EDVA), AS WELL AS HIS
WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER TO INCLUDE CONSENSUAL
MONITORING AND CCTV OF CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS AGREED TO CONSENSUALLY RECORD A MEETING

[REDACTED]

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FGJ. [REDACTED] HAS AGREED TO RECORD THIS
MEETING BY CONCEALED VIDEO CAMERAS AND AUDIO RECORDING
EQUIPMENT. NO TRESPASSING WILL BE REQUIRED INASMUCH AS [REDACTED]

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HAS GIVEN HIS CONSENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS ENTIRE DWELLING IS OWNED BY [] THIS MEETING, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. [] WILL EXECUTE AN FD-473 AND WILL TESTIFY IN COURT IF NECESSARY. THE RECORDING DEVICE (CCTV) WILL ONLY BE ACTIVATED WHEN [] IS PRESENT.

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U.S. ATTORNEYS OPINION: ON 9/14/92, AUSAS [] AND [] DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ADVISED THAT THEY CONCURRED WITH THE USE OF THIS INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUE AND OPINED THAT THERE WAS NO ENTRAPMENT IN THE USE OF DEVISE. CCTV WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE FBI AT ALL TIMES.

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WMFO PLA, SA [] HAS REVIEWED THE REQUEST AND CONCURS WITH THIS OPERATION.

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Date of transcription 9/23/92

[redacted] Congressman AUSTIN MURPHY (Democrat - Pennsylvania) appeared at the Judiciary Center, 555 Fourth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20001. Those present for the interview were Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSA) [redacted] and [redacted] Accompanying [redacted] at the interview was her attorney, [redacted] was asked to provide information regarding her job description and relationship with Congressman MURPHY. She provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that she was born in [redacted] [redacted] however, noted that she was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. While working for a law firm in Dallas, Texas, her father became terminally ill and in 1985 she returned to Lincoln to care for him. She stated that in 1987 she came to Washington, D. C., subsequent to her father's death, and became employed on a Congressional Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives. In June, 1988, she became aware of the fact that Congressman MURPHY was in need of a [redacted] [redacted] applied for this position which she eventually acquired. She stated that she was originally hired as Congressman MURPHY's [redacted] and now holds the job description of [redacted] She stated that she was first interviewed by Congressman MURPHY's [redacted] (AA) [redacted] and again was interviewed by [redacted] and Congressman MURPHY. She stated that prior to her, [redacted] was [redacted] for the Congressman, and prior to him, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that among her duties for the Congressman are scheduling his appointments, answering the phone, and performing general [redacted] duties. Also, now that she is an [redacted] she handles the Congressional allowance ledgers for the Congressman for his Washington, D. C. office as well as his six district offices in the State of Pennsylvania. Also, she stated that she maintains a close liaison with the

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secretaries in the district offices in Pennsylvania. She stated that she was never "formally trained" in her position, however, she stated that she is a quick learner and acquired most of her skills and the operations of this office on her own.

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[REDACTED] was asked to describe Congressman MURPHY's schedule. She stated that the Congressman's schedule often depended on the Congressional schedule. Generally, she stated that if the Congressman had nothing on the agenda for a Friday, he would often times leave for home (Pennsylvania) on Thursday evening and return on Sunday evening. Otherwise, he would leave on Friday evening and return on Sunday evening.

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[REDACTED] stated that although [REDACTED] is the Congressman's [REDACTED] and supervises the other employees in the Congressman's office. She stated, however, that she reports directly to the Congressman. She stated that the only time that [REDACTED] "supervises her", is for matters such as scheduling annual and/or sick leave. She stated that from time to time [REDACTED] has given her "case work", however, this work is not in her general job description.

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[REDACTED] was asked to explain the procedure in the Congressman's office for obtaining supplies. She stated that generally each employee would purchase supplies on their own, or a list of supplies would be compiled as needed, and given to the Congressman's [REDACTED]. Generally, there is no set procedure for obtaining supplies from the supply store, and no "voucher" is needed. She stated that when supplies are needed from anyone of the six district offices, the request is passed on to [REDACTED] who is responsible for obtaining these supplies.

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[REDACTED] stated that in a normal week, she may send out anywhere from two to twenty pieces of mail that require "franked" envelopes. Regarding the procedure for obtaining postage stamps, [REDACTED] stated that a voucher with a control number must be filled out either in typewritten form or in pen and taken to the House Post Office. She stated that when the postage stamps are obtained, the employee must show his or her identification and sign the voucher which shows receipt of the stamps. She stated that she believes that the members are not required to sign the vouchers inasmuch as the postal employees probably know all of them by sight. She stated that the only

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person in Congressman MURPHY's office who may request stamps is Congressman MURPHY himself. He also must sign the voucher authorizing the purchase of these stamps. She stated that the Congressman always prefers his stamps in sheets, rather than in rolls. She could think of no reason why he had this preference. She stated that the Congressman kept these sheets of stamps in his desk drawer. She stated that she was unaware of how many sheets at one time he kept there, or what was the greatest amount of stamps he kept at any one time. She stated that she was always allocated a specific amount of stamps for her need, and that when the other staffers needed stamps, they would come to her. She stated that she could recall no time when the staffers would go directly to Congressman MURPHY for stamps.

She stated that her need for stamps per month varied depending upon how many "non-frankable items" she mailed out. She stated that generally those items which required postage stamps were thank you cards, congratulatory letters/cards, overseas mail, and correspondence which contained a self-addressed return envelope. She stated that she could not give an "average" number of items which required stamps per month. She could only guess that ten would be an average number. She stated that twenty to thirty items "could be a lot". She stated that it was not uncommon for other staffers in the office to come to her for stamps. Generally one, two, three, or four were requested at a time for non-frankable correspondence. She stated that she can recall no one staffer who would come to her more often than the others for stamps. She stated that generally when she gets down to two to four postage stamps herself, she would go to Congressman MURPHY for an additional supply. She stated that he would generally tear off a portion of stamps from a sheet and give them to her. She stated that there was no set number of stamps he would give her each time. On a few occasions when the Congressman was not in his office, she would go into his drawer where the stamps were kept (which was unlocked) and take whatever she needed. She stated that she did not know how many sheets of stamps were in there on these occasions. stated that she never bought stamps from the House Post Office on her own but only at the request of Congressman MURPHY. It was her impression that he kept track of the amount of stamps in the office, and made decisions on when to purchase them. She can recall no time when he never had any stamps in the office.

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[redacted] was asked to describe the relationship that Congressman MURPHY had with former House Post Office Postmaster [redacted]. She stated that on occasion, [redacted] would come to the office to visit with the Congressman, however, she herself does not know the extent of their friendship.

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[redacted] stated that since January 1, 1990, she has as part of her responsibilities maintained the expense journals for the office. She stated that these journals were ledger books where she records the expenses incurred not only at the Congressman's Washington, D. C. office but the six district offices as well. She stated that she does not record each expense every time it is received by her, and noted that sometimes she does not get to the ledger book for several weeks. She stated that the expenses incurred for each month are represented either by receipts and vouchers and/or the monthly expense report that she receives.

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[redacted] stated that the vouchers for purchase of stamps are to be maintained in a file cabinet which is in close proximity to her desk. She stated that these vouchers are "open to anybody" in the office. She stated that there was no reason why any of the staff members could not keep a group of vouchers in their desk, however, the bulk of the vouchers are supposed to be maintained in the file cabinet next to her desk. She stated that prior to the time that she maintained the ledger books, [redacted] and [redacted] maintained these books.

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Regarding [redacted] opinion on the number of stamp purchases made in Congressman MURPHY's office, she responded by saying she never questioned the reasons or the purpose. She stated that these stamps could often times been sent to anyone of the district offices either by mail or hand carried by Congressman MURPHY or any of the other staff members who live in the Congressman's district in Pennsylvania. She stated that she had never discussed stamp purchases or questioned Congressman MURPHY's request for her to purchase stamps until May, 1992 when the investigation of the House Post Office was made public by the media. At the time, Congressman MURPHY stated that his office was not going to change it's stamp purchase procedure.

In July, 1992, Congressman MURPHY had requested her to prepare a stamp purchase voucher for the next day for her to purchase stamps. She stated that feeling uncomfortable with this

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in light of the media coverage, she went to [REDACTED] and told him that she did not want to purchase these stamps. She stated that [REDACTED] gave her a sheet of paper with approximately the last four or five stamp purchase amounts for her to give to Congressman MURPHY. She stated that she took this sheet along with the voucher to Congressman MURPHY and told him she was uncomfortable in his request to purchase these stamps. He took the voucher along with the sheet prepared by [REDACTED] and laid it on the corner of his desk. She stated that this was the last she heard of this incident. She stated that to her knowledge, no other stamps had been purchased in his office since that time. After [REDACTED] had received grand jury subpoenas in July, 1992, Congressman MURPHY had a meeting in his office and discussed the procedure for stamp purchases with his staff members and advised them that he would provide legal representation for them if needed.

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Regarding mass mailing procedures in Congressman MURPHY's office, [REDACTED] stated that she does not handle anything in this regard. She stated that [REDACTED] is in charge of this. She stated that in general, she has nothing to do with the Congressman's campaign and/or re-election efforts, and she stated that she can recall no time when stamps were purchased by either her or anyone in the office with campaign checks.

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Regarding her relationship with the other staff members in Congressman MURPHY's office, [REDACTED] stated that she gets along well with everyone, however, does not "socialize" with them. She stated that she knows little of what the other staff members do in the office, and stated that she has never questioned their duties, particularly the amount of stamps that they had signed for on the vouchers that she receives to record her monthly expenses. She stated that the only information that she knows about Congressman MURPHY's stamp purchases was through the media. Subsequent to the time that she received her subpoena for the grand jury, her attorney, [REDACTED] advised her to discuss this matter with no one, particularly her co-workers in Congressman MURPHY's office.

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Throughout the interview, AUSA [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] various vouchers which were used for purchases of stamps and questioned her as to whether she had any knowledge why they were purchased. In particular, she was asked why on November 7,

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1991, one thousand stamps were purchased for \$290.00; on November 14, 1991, one hundred stamps were purchased for \$29.00; and on November 18, 1991, seventeen hundred stamps were purchased for \$493.00. She stated that she had never questioned why the stamps were purchased in large amounts so chronologically close together. Also, while she was shown these copies of vouchers by AUSA she stated that it was not uncommon for these vouchers to be out of number sequence, and reiterated that the vouchers are not always maintained in number sequence in the file cabinet, and again stated that other staff members may have vouchers in their desk drawers.

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She remembers that the only occasion that Congressman MURPHY asked her about the current balance on his budget was on December 24, 1991. He had come to her and asked her if there was enough money left in the budget to purchase one thousand stamps (for \$290.00). She told him that there would be enough money for this purchase, and therefore, he went ahead and bought these stamps.

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concluded the interview by stating that she has no loyalty to the Congressman other than wanting to do the best job that she can. She stated that she has never made any questionable or illegal stamp purchases herself, and has never questioned the amount of the stamps purchased in his office, or any other expense for that matter. She stated that she more or less keeps to herself, and as she stated earlier she does have a good relationship with the other staff members. However, since she is not from the State of Pennsylvania or from the Congressman's district, she does not have as good a relationship with others as probably other secretaries for other congressmen do with their staff members.

At the conclusion of the interview, the following background information was obtained:

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Home telephone #:

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Memorandum



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From : SA

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Subject: PLATE BLOCK
OO:WF

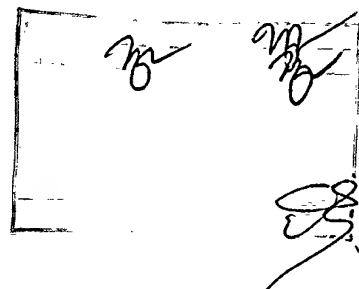
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It is requested that this attached documentation be made part of the case file.

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Date 10/13/92

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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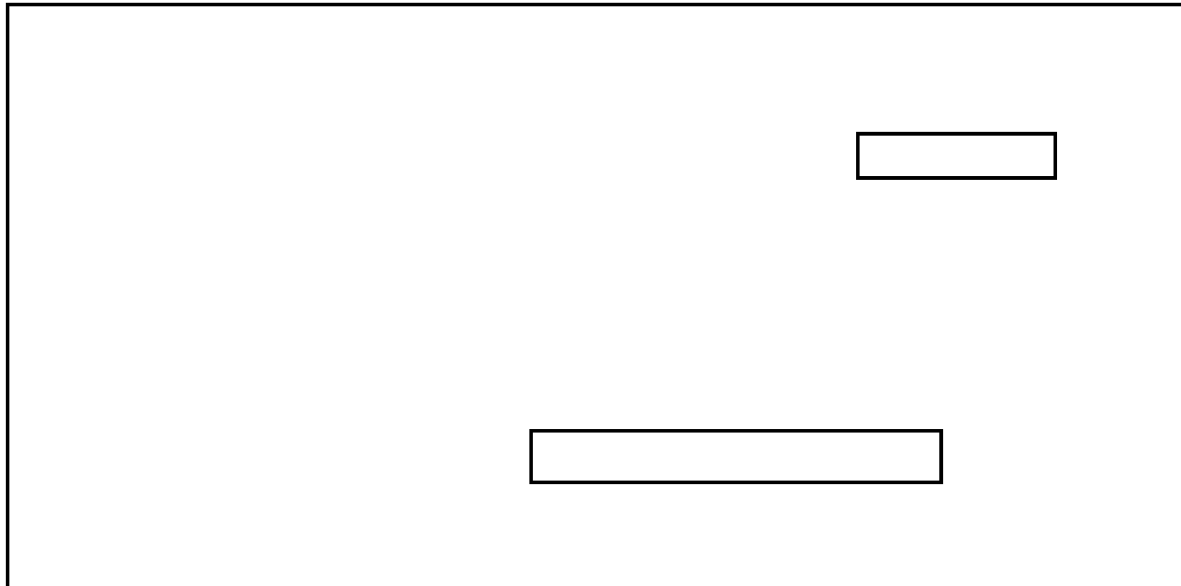
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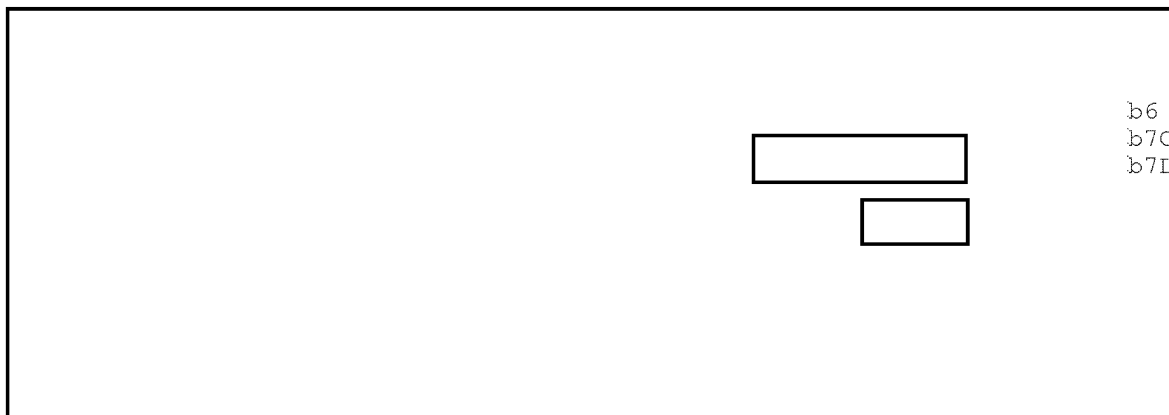
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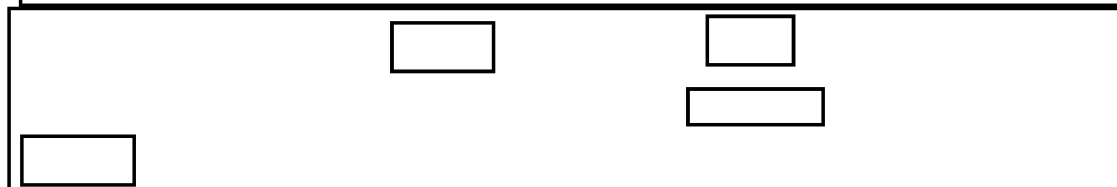
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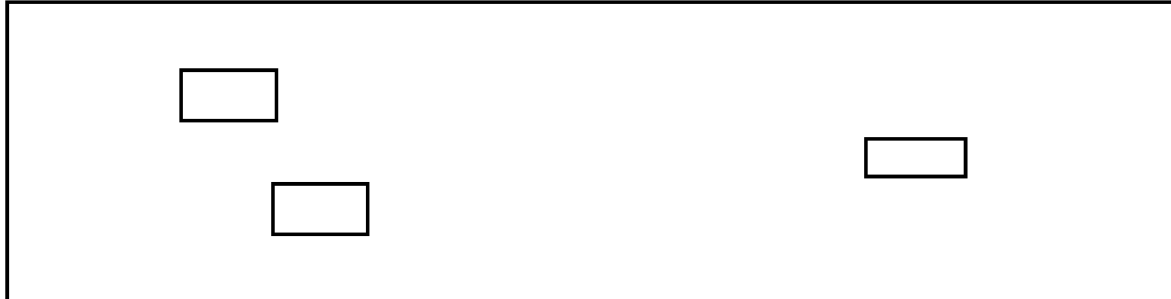
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ON [REDACTED] COMMANDING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FEDERAL
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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO.

RE WMFO TELCALL TO 10/8/92 TO SSA

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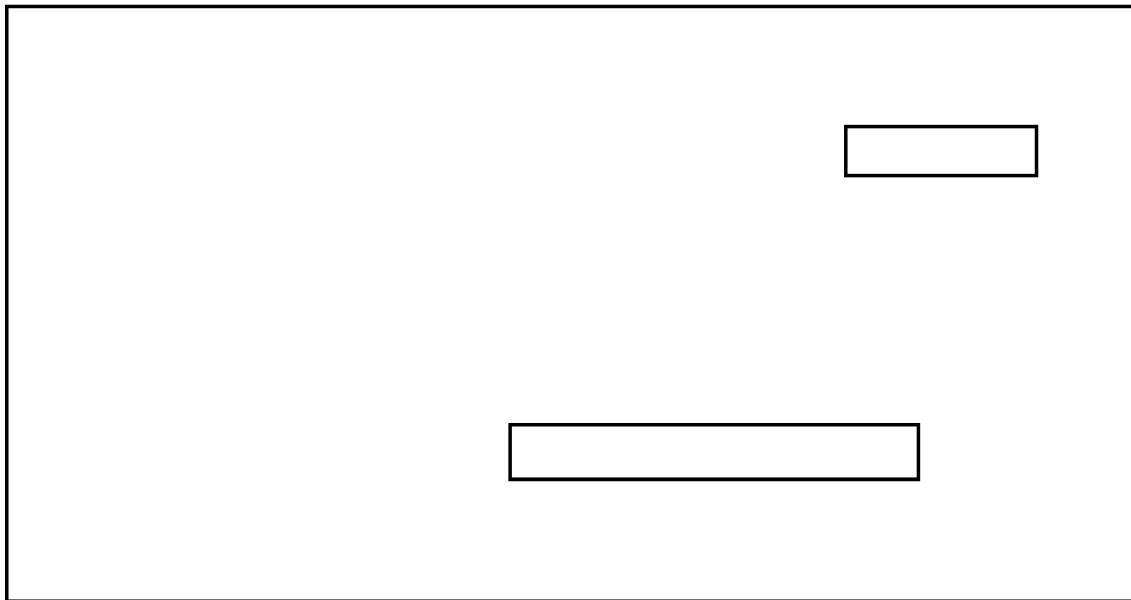
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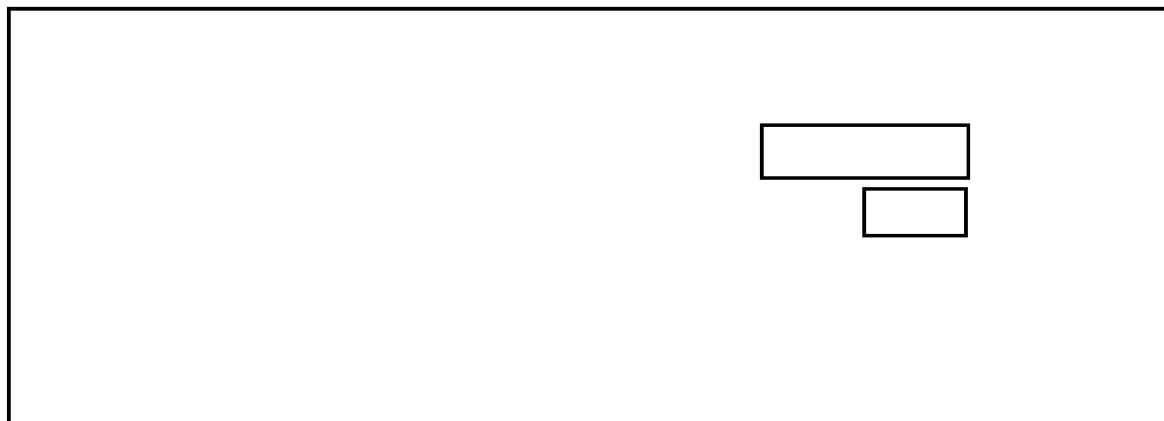
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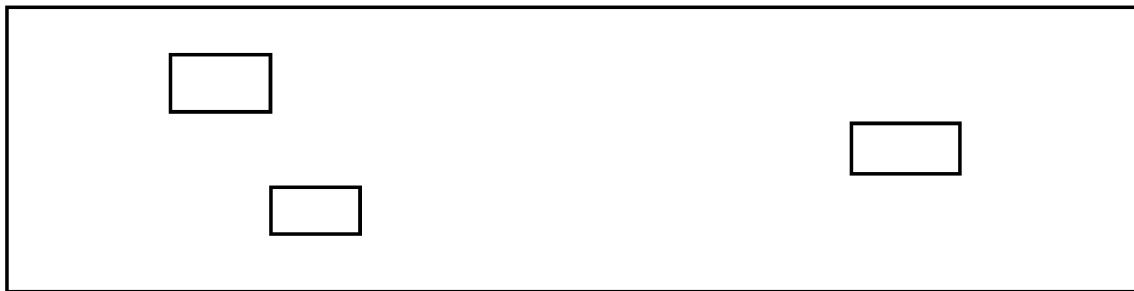
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INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date: 10/13/92

FROM: Criminal Investigative Division
White-Collar Crimes Section/Public Corruption Unit

CONTACT:

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TO: WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (Encl. 3)
1 - Elsur Coordinator
Information Management Division (Encl. 1)
1 - Elsur Unit

TITLE: PLATE BLOCK; ET AL; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
OFFICIALS - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

RE: WMFO teletype dated 9/24/92

ENCL: Memorandum from the Director dated 9/25/92

PURPOSE(S): To advise the WMFO Division of approval by the
Department of Justice for consensual monitoring and CCTV
beginning 9/29/92 and ending 11/27/92.

DETAILS: Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum from the
Director to the Office of Enforcement Operations (OEO), Criminal
Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), upon which OEO
authorized you to use a transmitting and/or recording device and
closed circuit television (CCTV). These authorities are for a
60-day period commencing 9/29/92 and ending 11/27/92.

You are to submit an FD-621 within 30 days of the
expiration of this authorization furnishing information regarding
use of this equipment in accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section
10-10.3(9).

In the event a renewal of this authority is deemed
warranted, submit your request with full justification at least
seven days prior to the expiration of the existing authority, in
compliance with MIOG, Part II, Section 10-10.3(9).

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Memorandum



To : Office of Enforcement Operations DSeptember 25, 1992
Criminal Division

From : *WSS*
Director, FBI

Subject : PLATE BLOCK; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS -
OTHER

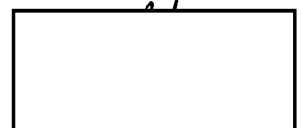
Enclosed is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation.

Pursuant to the Attorney's General's Memorandum of November 7, 1983, captioned "Procedures for Lawful, Warrantless Interceptions of Verbal Communications," addressed to the Heads and Inspectors General of Executive Departments and Agencies, the following notification request is being made relative to the authorization to utilize an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party.

Pursuant to Attorney General's Order Number 985-82, dated August 6, 1982, captioned "Delegation of Authority to Authorize Television Surveillance," the following notification request is being made relative to the authorization to utilize Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance in connection with captioned matter.

1. Emergency authority to utilize an electronic device to record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party was granted by an appropriate FBI official on _____, for 30 days ending _____. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance.
2. Emergency authorization to utilize Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance in connection with captioned matter was granted by appropriate FBI official on _____, for 60 days ending _____. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance.

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Memorandum from Director, FBI to Office of Enforcement Operations
RE: PLATE BLOCK; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS - OTHER

- _____ 3. As further utilization of an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party is expected in this matter, it is requested that you approve the use of this equipment for a period of 60 days beginning _____ and ending _____.
- _____ 4. As further use of CCTV is expected in this matter, it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 60 days beginning _____.
- _____/ 5. Non-emergency authorization is requested for the utilization of an electronic device to monitor and record private non-telephonic conversations with the consent of a party for a period of 60 days beginning September 29, 1992 and ending November 27, 1992.
- _____/ 6. Non-emergency authorization is requested for the utilization of CCTV surveillance for a period of 60 days beginning September 29, 1992 and ending November 27, 1992.

The use of these electronic devices in this case is being recommended in the best interest of effective law enforcement in that they are expected to provide corroborative evidence and/or protect the individual(s) utilizing the equipment.

The use of CCTV will not involve any trespass and it will be utilized only when a consenting party is present. The CCTV will be under the care, custody and control of the FBI.

Enclosure

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the
Attorney General 11-7-83)

Maureen N. Killian

Maureen N. Killian
Associat. Director

Office of Enforcement Operations

Date: SEP 29 1992

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Date 10/16/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: PCU, SSA [redacted])
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
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Re: WMFO telecals to SSA [redacted] 10/8/92 and
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The purpose of this communication is to request
 FBIHQ authority to subpoena and interview additional [redacted]

[redacted] or the subjects in the captioned
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For the information of FBIHQ, it is planned that
 interviews will be conducted with all identifiable individuals
 who possibly provide information [redacted]

[redacted] These interviews will be
 conducted in the interest of thoroughness in an attempt to
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anticipated that these interviews will routine in nature and FBIHQ will be advised of any significant information obtained as a result of any of these interviews.

All of the below listed individuals are currently or formerly associated with Representatives Kolter, Murphy and Rostenkowski, and it is the intention of the PLATE BLOCK investigative team to first serve and interview the persons in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, initially, before contacting those outside the immediate area. The individuals for which FBIHQ subpoena and interview authority is requested are as follows:

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[REDACTED]

Joe Kolter

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Joe Kolter

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WMFO will coordinate with other respective Field Divisions when travel to those areas is required. It is anticipated that the service and interviews of individuals in the Washington area will commence Wednesday, October 21, 1992.

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Date 10/21/92

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
 OO:WF

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RE: WMFO telecall to Chicago SSA [] 10/20/92

Enclosed for the Chicago Field Division are the original and three copies of a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena discussed in referenced telecall. The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia has requested, for investigative reasons, that this subpoena be served as soon as possible.

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at Chicago, Illinois

Will serve the enclosed subpoena on []
 [] Will notify WMFO
 SA [] (NVMRA, C-9, Ext. 6294) with confirmation
 of this subpoena service.

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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO: WMFO.

REFERENCE WMFO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, 10/16/92, TELCAL OF
SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED], WMFO, TO SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT
(SSA) [REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT (PCU), CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID), FBIHQ, 10/20/92.

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THIS WILL CONFIRM THAT ON 10/20/92, AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY
AN APPROPRIATE FBIHQ OFFICIAL FOR WMFO TO INTERVIEW AND SUBPOENA
THOSE [REDACTED] NAMED
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/22/92

[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was served a subpoena to testify before the Federal Grand Jury for the District of Columbia. [redacted] was commanded to personally appear before the Federal Grand Jury on 10/27/92 at 9:00 a.m. After being served this subpoena, [redacted] provided the following information:

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advised that she currently

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replied that when she heard about the story of stamps for cash that was being printed in the newspapers she said to herself "that figures", meaning that the story did not surprise her.

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From questions asked and from observations made during this interview, the following descriptive information was obtained on

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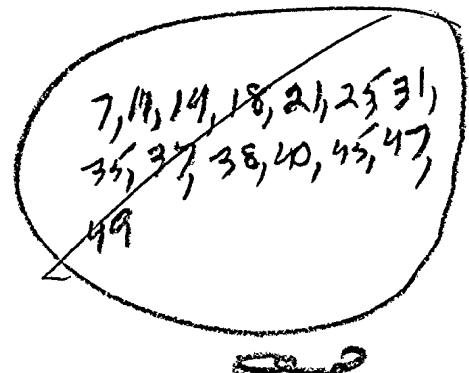
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Subject: PLATE BLOCK
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It is requested that this attached documentation be made part of the case file.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/92

[redacted]
[redacted] was served a Federal Grand Jury subpoena by the United States District Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., for appearance on Tuesday, October 27, 1992, at 9:00 AM. [redacted]
[redacted] was advised that he was served this subpoena to appear before the grand jury to answer specific questions regarding his [redacted]

[redacted] was also asked if he would be willing to provide any information in this matter. [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted]
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[redacted] was asked [redacted]
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by SA [redacted] :les Date dictated 10/23/92

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[redacted] was asked to provide any information or knowledge [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he had no knowledge [redacted]

[redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], On 10/22/92, Page 3

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] advised that he has a date of birth of [REDACTED] a Social Security Account Number of [REDACTED] and a place of birth of [REDACTED]

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[redacted] was advised that she was served this subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to answer specific questions regarding her [redacted]

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[redacted] was also asked if she would be willing to provide any information in this matter. [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] was asked to provide any information or knowledge [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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obtained: The following description of [Redacted] was

Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Social Security
Account Number:
Height:
Weight:

[Redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/92

[redacted]
[redacted] was served with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena on
[redacted]. The subpoena commands her appearance on
[redacted], in the United States District Court for the
District of Columbia.

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by SA [redacted] :js Date dictated 10/22/92

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TO : SAC, WMFO

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58C-WF-180673) (RUC)

SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK; 58C-WF-180673
OO: WFb6
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Re: WMFO airtel to Chicago dated October 21, 1992,
 and Chicago telecall to WMFO SA [redacted] on October 22,
 1992.

Enclosed for WMFO are two copies of an executed
 Federal Grand Jury Subpoena and the original and one copy of
 an FD-302 detailing the service of the subpoena.

As all requested leads in this matter have been
 completed, Chicago considers this matter to be RUC.

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Date of transcription 10/27/92

[redacted] initially interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on 10/22/92, was reinterviewed at the offices of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, 555 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Present at this interview were Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] and United States Postal Inspector [redacted]. Also present at this interview was [redacted] attorney, [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

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After being advised of the official identities of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, [redacted] informed those present that she had provided an incorrect name to the FBI when she was initially interviewed. [redacted] stated that she told the FBI that [redacted] was the individual she was describing as being involved with stamp purchases by voucher, and putting stamp voucher purchases on the office computer system. [redacted] advised that the person she was referring to was not [redacted] but [redacted].

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/27/92

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Date 10/26/92

FM FBI WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (C-9) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: ATTN: PCU, SSA

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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO

RE WMFO TELCALL TO CHICAGO SSA 10/20/92.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO REQUEST SAC
AUTHORITY FOR WMFO SAS TO TRAVEL TO CHICAGO TO CONDUCT
CRITICAL INTERVIEWS IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER.

AS THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION IS AWARE BY REFERENCED
TELEPHONE CALL, CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION INCLUDES AS A SUBJECT,
REPRESENTATIVE DAN ROSTENKOWSKI OF ILLINOIS. INVESTIGATION

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CONDUCTED TO DATE HAS DETERMINED THAT CURRENT AND FORMER FIELD STAFF MEMBERS OF ROSTENKOWSKI, AS WELL AS HIS CURRENT AND FORMER CAMPAIGN STAFF, WILL NEED TO BE INTERVIEWED AS TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THAT REPRESENTATIVE'S FIELD AND CAMPAIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 12 AND 18 INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AREA WILL NEED TO BE CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. IDENTITIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PROVIDED TO CHICAGO AT A LATER DATE.

IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THAT THE CURRENT MULTI-AGENCY TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS ASSIGNED TO THIS MATTER IN WASHINGTON, D. C., PERSONALLY CONDUCT THE AFOREMENTIONED INTERVIEWS. THIS REQUEST IS BASED ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE AS IT HAS DEVELOPED AND THE ABILITY OF THOSE AGENTS WHO HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS CASE TO RECOGNIZE KEY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERVIEWEES.

THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WHICH WILL TRAVEL TO CHICAGO WILL BE COMPRISED OF TWO WMFO SAS, TWO TO FOUR INSPECTORS FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE (USPIS) AND ONE TO

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TWO DETECTIVES FROM THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE (USCP). AT THE PRESENT TIME, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MANPOWER WILL BE SUFFICIENT AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL SAS FROM THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION WILL BE REQUESTED. THERE IS THE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THESE INTERVIEWEES MAY PROVIDE UNANTICIPATED LEADS IN CHICAGO. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, CHICAGO MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY TO ACCOMPANY A MEMBER OF THIS WMFO TEAM AS HE/SHE CONDUCTS THE LEAD. IT IS CURRENTLY PLANNED TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE CHICAGO LEADS IN TWO TO THREE DAY PERIOD STARTING 11/4/92.

THIS WMFO TEAM WILL MAKE ALL ATTEMPTS TO COMPLETELY LOCATE THESE INTERVIEWEES PRIOR TO THE TEAMS DEPARTURE. IN THE EVENT THAT ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS CANNOT BE LOCATED, CHICAGO MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FROM THAT OFFICE'S RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN THE ACQUISITION OF RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF INTERVIEWEES.

ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INTERVIEWS OF THESE PERSONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CHICAGO DIVISION AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. THE WMFO CASE AGENT

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ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE IS SA [REDACTED] SQUAD C-9,
NORTHERN VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN RESIDENT AGENCY (NVMRA), EXT.
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IT IS REQUESTED THAT CHICAGO ASSIGN ONE SA TO THIS MATTER
TO ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND THE
CHICAGO DIVISION AND TO COORDINATE ANY ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE
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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO.

RE WMFO TELCALL TO CHICAGO SSA [REDACTED] 10/20/92.

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Date 11/9/92

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
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Re: WMFO facsimile transmission and telecall to SA
 [redacted] 11/9/92

Enclosed are the original and three copies of two Federal Grand Jury Subpoenas to be served in the Chicago area. These subpoenas were originally transmitted to Chicago by referenced facsimile transmission.

As Chicago is aware by previous communications, captioned matter includes as a subject Representative DAN ROSTENKOWSKI of Illinois. Investigation conducted to date has indicated that, in all likelihood, numerous leads will be required to be sent to Chicago in the future. These leads will include interviews, records checks and the service of subpoenas. Due to the complex nature of this case, it would be advantageous if a Special Agent could be assigned to

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this matter who is familiar with the allegations and the investigation which has been conducted.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will serve the enclosed subpoenas on [] and []
Will assign SA to coordinate anticipated future leads which will be forwarded to the Chicago Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/92

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] last known
address [redacted] was served a
subpoena from the District of Columbia, to personally appear
before Grand Jury 91-3 at 9:00AM on Tuesday, November 24, 1992.
The subpoena was served on [redacted] at his place of business, [redacted]
[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] TJB/tb [signature] Date dictated 11/12/92

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The subpoena was served on [redacted] at his place of business, [redacted]
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Investigation on 11/9/92 at Chicago, Illinois File # 58C-WF-180673-79
by SA [redacted] TJB/tb [signature] Date dictated 11/12/92
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TO : SAC, WMFO
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 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
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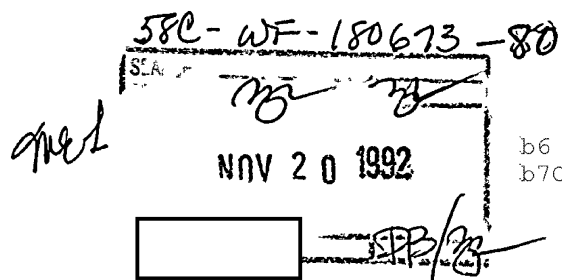
Re: WMFO Airtel to Chicago dated 11/9/92.

Enclosed for WMFO are the originals and one copy each of an FD-302 reflecting the service of Federal Grand Jury Subpoena's for [redacted] and [redacted] and the original executed subpoena's.

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISIONAT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will assign SA to coordinate future leads as set out in referenced Airtel.

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b7CFrom: FBI, WMFO (NMMRA), SQ C-9
(Name of Office)Subject: PLATEBLOCK
OO: WMFOSpecial Handling Instructions: PER OUR CONVERSATION, 11/12/92.b6
b7COriginator's Name: SA [Redacted] Telephone: (202) 324-6286Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 324-6426Approved: [Signature]

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United States District Court

for the

DISTRICT OF

Columbia

TO:

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY
BEFORE GRAND JURY

SUBPOENA FOR:

☐ PERSON☒ DOCUMENT(S) OR OBJECT(S)

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

PLACE United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
United States Courthouse
Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Thursday, November 24, 1992
9:00 a.m.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

"SEE ATTACHMENT"

☐ Please see additional information on reverse.

This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Miller-Whitair, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

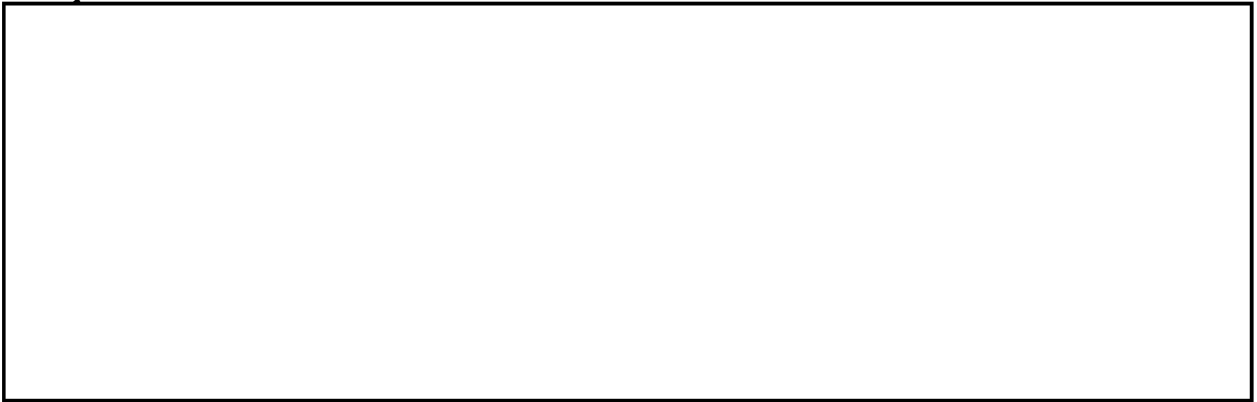
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This subpoena is issued upon application
of the United States Attorney

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

THOMAS J. MOTLEY, AUSA (202) 514-8321 *TJM*
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

*If not applicable, enter "none."



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Note: You may comply by furnishing the commanded items by certified mail to Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, 7799 Leesburg Pike, Suite 200, Falls Church, Virginia 22043, before the appearance date for transmittal to the Grand Jury.

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

District of Columbia

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Judiciary Center
555 Fourth St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

November 10, 1992



Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to an official investigation of a criminal investigation of a suspected felony, which investigation is being conducted by the United States Attorney's Office, it is requested that your company furnish [redacted]

[redacted] in the attached subpoena for whatever time period such records are maintained.

You are not to disclose the existence of this request for a period for ninety (90) days from the date of this request. Any such disclosure could impede the investigation being conducted and thereby interfere with the enforcement of the law.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

JAY B. STEPHENS
United States Attorney

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By:



Assistant United States Attorney
(202) 514-8321

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Date 11/16/92

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P)
SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
OO:WMFO

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Re WMFO (SA [redacted]) telcall to Baltimore
(SA [redacted]) SQ. 7B) dated 11/12/92.

Enclosed are the original and three copies of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena discussed in referenced telcall. The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia has requested, for investigative reasons, that this subpoena be served as soon as possible.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOISWill serve enclosed subpoena on [redacted]
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Attn: SUPV.
(Name) Room Telephone No.)

From: FBI, WMFO (NVMRA), SQ. C-9
(Name of Office)

Subject: PLATEBLOCK
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Originator's Name: SA C-9 Telephone: (202) 324-6286

Originator's Facsimile Number: (202) 324-6426

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United States District Court

for the

DISTRICT OF

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TO:

Attention:

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

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SUBPOENA FOR:

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PLACE

United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
United States Courthouse
Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Tuesday, November 24, 1992
at 9:00 a.m.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

SEE ATTACHMENT.

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This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Mager-Whiting, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

Margaret J. Copier

DATE

This subpoena is issued upon application
of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

THOMAS J. MOTLEY, AUSA (202) 514-8321 *TJM*
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

District of Columbia

Judiciary Center
555 Fourth St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

November 10, 1992

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[Redacted]

Attention: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

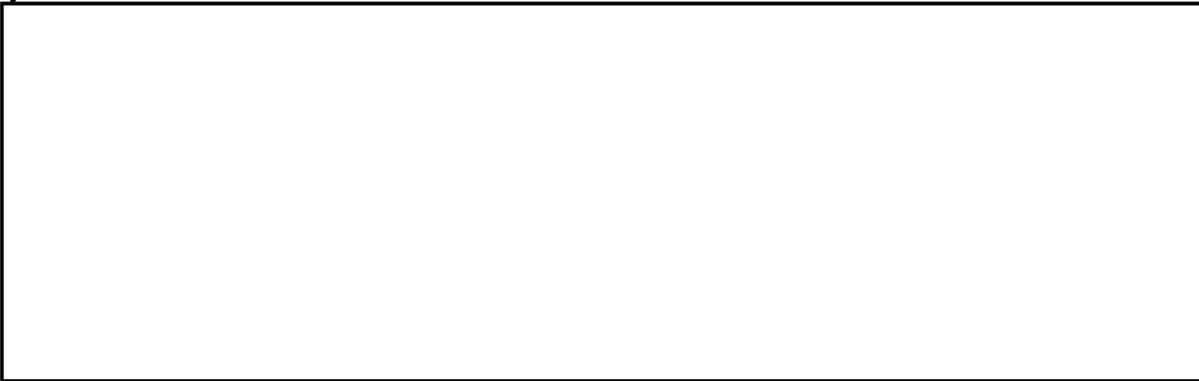
JAY B. STEPHENS
United States Attorney

By:

[Redacted]

Assistant United States Attorney
(202) 514-8321

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United States District Court

for the DISTRICT OF Columbia

TO:

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SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

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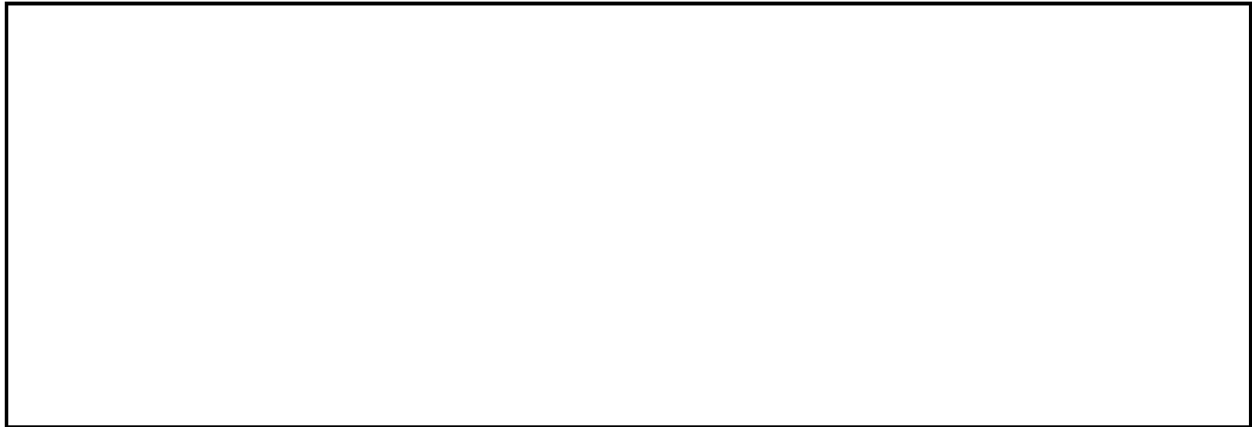
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November 10, 1992



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FM FBI SPRINGFIELD (58C-WF-180673) (RUC)

TO FBI WMFO (C-9)/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3860//

SUBJECT: PLATEBLOCK; OO: WMFO.

RE WMFO TEL TO CG AND SI, 11/19/92.

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ON 11/20/92, [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR, BUREAU OF VITAL
RECORDS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SPRINGFIELD,
ADVISED BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO. 6000409, FILED 1/11/28, REVEALS
DANIEL DAVE ROSTENKOWSKI WAS BORN 1/2/28 AT CHICAGO, IL.
LOCKER ADVISED THEIR RECORDS REFLECT NO CHANGE IN SURNAME TO
"ROSTEN" OR ANY OTHER NAME.

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Date of transcription 11/23/92

AUSTIN J. MURPHY, Congressman - Pennsylvania, appeared at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Judiciary Center, 555 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Congressman MURPHY voluntarily provided handwriting exemplars which were administered by [redacted] Special Agent (SA), United States Postal Service (USPS), Washington, D.C. Congressman MURPHY provided samples in both ballpoint pen and felt tip pen of his name, AUSTIN J. MURPHY.

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Subsequent to providing handwriting exemplars, Congressman MURPHY was fingerprinted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. Also, "Major Case" prints were obtained.

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The following description of Congressman MURPHY was obtained:

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Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Race
Sex
Eyes
Hair
Social Security
Account Number
Home Address

AUSTIN J. MURPHY

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] RTV:meh Date dictated 11/19/92

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/23/92

DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI, Congressman - Illinois and Chairman of the House (of Representatives) Ways and Means Committee, appeared at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Judiciary Center, 555 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001. Accompanying Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI were Attorneys ABIE LOWELL and STANLEY BRANDT.

Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI voluntarily provided handwriting exemplars which were administered by [redacted] Special Agent (SA), United States Postal Service (USPS), Washington, D.C. Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI provided samples in both ballpoint pen and felt tip pen of the following names:

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CAS BRZOZOWSKI
STANLEY HARRISON
LEO MAGRINI
DAN ROSTENKOWSKI

Subsequent to providing handwriting exemplars, Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI was fingerprinted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. Also, "Major Case" prints were obtained.

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Also present at this time were Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted].

The following description of Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI was obtained:

Name	DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI
Date of Birth	January 2, 1928
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	Six feet, two inches
Weight	245 pounds
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown

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335-32-0299

Home Address

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Chicago, Illinois 60622

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/25/92

JOSEPH KOLTER, Congressman - Pennsylvania, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., appeared at the Judiciary Center, 555 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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Congressman KOLTER was requested by Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C., to provide handwriting exemplars in ballpoint pen.

Subsequent to providing the handwriting exemplars, Congressman KOLTER was fingerprinted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] [redacted] of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). Also, "major case" prints were taken.

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The following description of Congressman KOLTER was obtained:

Name
Aliases

JOSEPH KOLTER
Joseph P. Kolter,
Joe Kolter

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Race
Sex
Eyes
Hair
Social Security
Account Number
Home Address

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Accompanying Congressman KOLTER was Attorney [redacted]

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 11/24/92
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Memorandum



To : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9) Date 12/3/92

From : SA

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Subject: PLATE BLOCK
OO:WF

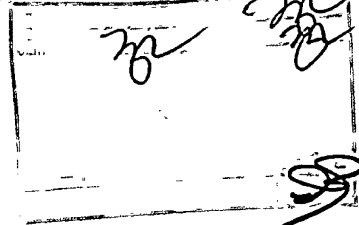
On 11/18/92 and 12/2/92, the writer obtained copies of numerous memoranda of interviews which were conducted by personnel from the U.S. Postal Service regarding the captioned matter.

These memoranda are attached for inclusion in the case file.

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TO : SAC, WMFO
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58C-WF-180673) (P)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
 OO:WMFO

Re: WMFO Airtel to Chicago dated 11/16/92.

Enclosed for WMFO is the original and one copy of
 an executed Federal Grand Jury Subpoena for [redacted]

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The subpoenaed documents will be sent under
 different cover, as soon as they are received from [redacted]

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SA [redacted] will supply WMFO with
 subpoenaed documents and coordinate future leads.

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PASS: ATTN: PCU, SSA

SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO

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RE WMFO TELCAL FROM SSA

TO SSA

11/9/92.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON 11/6/92, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SENT LETTERS TO REPRESENTATIVES ROSTENKOWSKI, KOLTER AND MURPHY REQUESTING FINGERPRINTS AND HANDWRITING EXEMPLARS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. THESE LETTERS ASKED THAT THESE FINGERPRINTS AND EXEMPLARS BE PROVIDED TO INVESTIGATORS 11/13/92 OR 11/16/92.

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THESE LETTERS WERE SENT THROUGH THE ATTORNEYS
REPRESENTING ROSTENKOWSKI AND KOLTER AND TO MURPHY DIRECTLY AS
HE IS NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL.

FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN THIS MATTER AS THEY OCCUR.

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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO.

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SUBJECT: PLATEBLOCK; OO: WMFO.

FOR INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD, CAPTIONED MATTER INVOLVES THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HOR) POST OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND VARIOUS HOR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN CERTAIN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. SPECIFICALLY, THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE IMPROPER CONVERSION OF U.S. FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR POSTAL EXPENSES TO CASH FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE'S PERSONAL USE AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE HOUSE POST OFFICE TO CONVERT CHECKS DRAWN ON THE REPRESENTATIVE'S CAMPAIGN FUND ACCOUNTS TO CASH FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE'S PERSONAL USE.

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REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI - ILLINOIS, IS A SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER. INVESTIGATION IN THIS IMMEDIATE MATTER HAS DETERMINED THAT HIS FAMILY CURRENTLY IS USING THE SURNAME "ROSTEN", AND AT ONE TIME ROSTENKOWSKI MAY HAVE USED THIS NAME AS WELL.

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAS REQUESTED THAT ROSTENKOWSKI'S DATE OF BIRTH AND NAME AT BIRTH BE VERIFIED. INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT HE HAS A DATE OF BIRTH OF 1/2/28, AND A POB OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE, VERIFY NAME USED BY ROSTENKOWSKI AT THE TIME OF BIRTH, IF HIS NAME HAS BEEN LEGALLY CHANGED, AND DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS MATTER.

FOR INVESTIGATIVE REASONS BY WMFO, SPRINGFIELD IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO WMFO.

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SPRINGFIELD AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

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Ex-Aide to Kolter Indicted in House Post O

By Michael York
Washington Post Staff Writer

A federal grand jury investigating the House Post Office yesterday indicted former congressional aide Gerald W. Weaver II on drug, obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges.

Weaver, 37, is a former assistant to Rep. Joe Kolter (D-Pa.), who also has been identified as a subject of the federal investigation. Kolter was defeated in a primary earlier this year.

The grand jury said Weaver cashed \$2,800 in checks at the Post Office to buy cocaine but lied and said the cash was used to buy stamps.

Weaver is the first congressional

of justice, tampering with a witness and conspiring to commit wire fraud. If convicted on all charges, Weaver could face a maximum sentence of 49 years and fines up to \$500,000. Federal sentencing guidelines could provide for a substantially shorter sentence.

The indictment alleged that Weaver attempted to persuade Magruder not to cooperate with the grand jury by promising him a job in Weaver's lobbying firm, a loan and assistance in finding a lawyer. In addition, the indictment charged Weaver with conspiring with Magruder and others to stage a

theft of a car owned by Weaver's wife and then file a false automobile insurance claim.

Magruder admitted embezzling more than \$13,000 from his stamp drawer at the House Post Office, concealing a material fact from federal investigators and conspiring to distribute drugs. In return, prosecutors agreed to drop a fourth charge, distribution of cocaine, which carries a maximum 25-year sentence.

Earlier this year, the grand jury subpoenaed the expense records from 1986 to April 1992 for Kolter, House Ways and Means Committee

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Ex-aide on Hill indicted on House postal charges

By Paul M. Rodriguez
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A former top aide to Rep. Joe Kolter of Pennsylvania was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on charges of obstruction of justice and cashing \$2,800 worth of personal checks at the House post office to buy cocaine.

Gerald W. Weaver II, 37, also was charged with a conspiracy to have his wife's 1987 Toyota Celica stolen in an insurance-fraud scheme, according to the 14-count indictment announced yesterday by U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens.

Mr. Weaver, a lawyer and lobbyist in the District, also was charged with tampering with a witness and with conspiring with a former business associate to conceal the nature of the checks used to buy cocaine.

Mr. Stephens said the indictment "demonstrates that we will hold accountable those who seek to impede the ongoing criminal investigation into the operation of the House post office." Six former employees were convicted of a variety of charges, including sales of illegal narcotics and embezzlement.

Three Democratic congressmen — Reps. Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois, Austin Murphy of Pennsylvania and Mr. Kolter — were implicated in the scandal and served subpoenas to appear in person before the grand jury, which is probing whether House expense vouchers used to buy stamps were improperly converted to cash.

While all three congressmen denied any wrongdoing and invoked their Fifth Amendment rights to avoid testifying before the grand jury, they cooperated with other subpoenas for detailed office expense records and access to dozens of current and former congressional and campaign aides.

The indictment of Mr. Weaver alleges that he attempted to impede the grand jury's investigation by getting a former business asso-

ciate to write a letter falsely stating that he purchased about \$2,900 worth of postage for the company at the House post office.

Mr. Weaver allegedly tried to get a former post office employee, Wendell Magruder, to conceal his knowledge of the cocaine purchases in return for a loan and a job.

Magruder pleaded guilty to embezzlement and cocaine-related charges and is cooperating with the federal probe, which started after cash shortages were discovered at the post office.

After a series of stories in The Washington Times beginning on Jan. 22, 1992, House leaders launched an investigation of the post office. The lawmakers fired Postmaster Robert V. Rota, 57, in mid-March.

After a six-month inquiry, a special House task force concluded that the post office, which operates as a contractor for the U.S. Postal Service in several locations on the House side of the Capitol, was grossly mismanaged.

Congressional and federal law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition that they not be identified said that the post office also was used for a variety of illegal activities such as cashing personal and campaign checks for cash and "other monetary services."

The grand jury is probing allegations of embezzlement and narcotics trafficking, said the officials.

In the indictment, Mr. Weaver is charged with buying cocaine from 1984 through Nov. 13, just five days before he allegedly gave false testimony before the grand jury.

Mr. Weaver, whose attorney, Russell F. Canan said "strongly denies these charges," worked for Mr. Kolter from 1983 until 1987, when he became a lobbyist-lawyer.

If convicted of all 14 counts, Mr. Weaver faces a maximum penalty of 49 years in prison and \$2.7 million in fines.

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Date 12/4/92

TO : SAC, WMFO
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58C-WF-180673) (P)
SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
OO:WMFO

Re: WMFO Airtel to Chicago dated 11/16/92, and Chicago Airtel to WMFO dated 11/23/92. b3

Enclosed for WMFO is a portion of [redacted]
subpoenaed from [redacted] for [redacted]
[redacted]

Referenced WMFO Airtel requested [redacted] b3
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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coordinate future leads.

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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO: WMFO.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF MOBILE, THIS MATTER WAS PREDICATED BASED ON A COMPLAINT FROM THE STAFF OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES POST OFFICE (HPO) TO THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE IN 4/91. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS COMPLAINT WAS THAT THE STAMP AND CURRENCY DRAWER OF AN AWOL HPO STAMP CLERK WAS SHORT APPROXIMATELY \$7,000. THIS INITIAL COMPLAINT AND SUBSEQUENT AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE CAPITOL POLICE LED TO THE NOTIFICATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE (USPIS) IN 7/91.

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AUDITS AND OTHER INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE USPIS FOUND THAT SEVERAL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR CASH AND STAMPS AT THE HPO WERE SHORT A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$37,000 OUT OF A TOTAL CASH AND STAMP ACCOUNTABILITY OF APPROXIMATELY \$475,000. INVESTIGATION BY THE USPIS AND THE CAPITOL POLICE DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN HPO EMPLOYEES WERE INVOLVED IN THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, CHECK KITING, FAILURE TO WORK OVERTIME THAT WAS CLAIMED, BACK DATING OF MAIL, AND THE USE OF SPECIAL HPO ACCOUNTS TO EXPRESS MAIL PERSONAL ITEMS.

INVOLVEMENT OF THE FBI WAS PREDICATED UPON CORROBORATIVE INFORMATION GIVEN BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE HPO. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, THREE U.S. CONGRESSMAN (DAN ROSTENKOWSKI-ILLINOIS, AUSTIN MURPHY, AND JOE KOLTER-PENNSYLVANIA) AND FORMER HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (JACK RUSS), AIDED BY THE FORMER HOUSE POSTMASTER, UTILIZED THE HPO TO OBTAIN SUMS OF CASH THROUGH THE ^{MISUSE}~~MIS-USE~~ OF A VOUCHER SYSTEM THAT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED]

WAS A STAFF MEMBER OF CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT PATMAN-TEXAS, AND AT THAT TIME, PATMAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS BARON SHACKLETTE.

INFORMATION OBTAINED REGARDING SHACKLETTE INDICATES THAT HE LEFT CAPITOL HILL IN 1978, IS CURRENTLY 83 YEARS OF AGE, AND HAS RETIRED TO PITTSVIEW, ALABAMA, AND HAS A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF (205) 687-2940.

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO) FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IS DESIROUS OF ISSUING A SUBPOENA TO SHACKLETTE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ONGOING INVESTIGATION. THE APPEARANCE WOULD BE SOME TIME DURING THE MONTH OF 1/93.

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PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA, AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USAO, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FBI, DUE TO THE AGE OF SHACKLETTE, FIRST DETERMINE HIS STATE OF HEALTH AND MIND FOR POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MOBILE AT PITTSVIEW, ALABAMA.

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BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE, WILL DETERMINE
THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ESTABLISH SOURCES, ETC.,
SHACKLETTE'S CURRENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND ADVISE
WMFO.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
SQUAD C-9, WMFO (NVMRA), (202) 324-6287.

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AUDITS AND OTHER INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE USPIB FOUND THAT SEVERAL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR CASH AND STAMPS AT THE HPO WERE SHORT A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$37,000 OUT OF A TOTAL CASH AND STAMP ACCOUNTABILITY OF APPROXIMATELY \$475,000. INVESTIGATION BY THE USPIB AND THE CAPITOL POLICE DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN HPO EMPLOYEES WERE INVOLVED IN THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, CHECK KITING, FAILURE TO WORK OVERTIME THAT WAS CLAIMED, BACK DATING OF MAIL, AND THE USE OF SPECIAL HPO ACCOUNTS TO EXPRESS MAIL PERSONAL ITEMS.

INVOLVEMENT OF THE FBI WAS PREDICATED UPON CORROBORATIVE INFORMATION GIVEN BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE HPO. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, THREE U.S. CONGRESSMAN (DAN ROSTENKOWSKI-ILLINOIS, AUSTIN MURPHY, AND JOE KOLTER-PENNSYLVANIA) AND FORMER HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (JACK RUSS), AIDED BY THE FORMER HOUSE POSTMASTER, UTILIZED THE HPO TO OBTAIN SUMS OF CASH THROUGH THE MISUSE OF A VOUCHER SYSTEM THAT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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WAS A STAFF MEMBER OF CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT PATMAN-TEXAS, AND AT THAT TIME, PATMAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS BARON SHACKLETTE.

INFORMATION OBTAINED REGARDING SHACKLETTE INDICATES THAT HE LEFT CAPITOL HILL IN 1978, IS CURRENTLY 83 YEARS OF AGE, AND HAS RETIRED TO PITTSVIEW, ALABAMA, AND HAS A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF (205) 687-2940.

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO) FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IS DESIROUS OF ISSUING A SUBPOENA TO SHACKLETTE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ONGOING INVESTIGATION. THE APPEARANCE WOULD BE SOME TIME DURING THE MONTH OF 1/93.

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[REDACTED] USAO, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FBI, DUE TO THE AGE OF SHACKLETTE, FIRST DETERMINE HIS STATE OF HEALTH AND MIND FOR POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

LEAD.

MOBILE AT PITTSVIEW, ALABAMA.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE, WILL DETERMINE THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ESTABLISH SOURCES, ETC.,

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SHACKLETTE'S CURRENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND ADVISE
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ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
SQUAD C-9, WMFO (NVMRA), (202) 324-6287.

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Date of transcription 11/13/92

[redacted] was interviewed at her employment, [redacted]

[redacted] was served a Federal Grand Jury subpoena by the United States District Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., for appearance on Tuesday, November 24, 1992. [redacted] was advised that she was served this subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to answer specific questions [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

She stated that she has home address of [redacted] and a home telephone number of [redacted] area code [redacted]. Also, she stated she has a date of birth of [redacted] and a Social Security Account Number of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that her job description is [redacted]

At this point in the interview, [redacted] was advised by another employee of [redacted] office to terminate the interview and leave this office.

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[redacted] Congressman DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI'S District Office, 2148 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60647, advised that all interviews of Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI's employees in this office were to be terminated per instructions he had received. [redacted] advised that he was not at liberty to state who gave this order per his instructions.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was served a Federal Grand Jury subpoena by the United States District Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., for appearance on Thursday, November 19, 1992. [redacted] was advised that he was served this subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to answer specific questions regarding [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

At this point in the interview, [redacted] stated that he did not choose to answer anymore questions without consulting his attorney.

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by SA [redacted] [redacted] les Date dictated 11/10/92

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[redacted] home address [redacted]
[redacted] home telephone number [redacted], was served
a Federal Grand Jury subpoena by the United States District
Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., for appearance on
Thursday, November 19, 1992. [redacted] was advised that he was
served this subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to answer
specific questions regarding [redacted]

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following information:

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At the conclusion of the interview, stated that he has a date of birth of and a Social Security Account Number of

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Date of transcription 11/13/92

[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] was served a Federal Grand Jury subpoena by the United States District Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., for appearance on Tuesday, December 1, 1992. [redacted] was advised that he was served this subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to answer specific questions [redacted]

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furnished the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated several times throughout the interview

[redacted]

[redacted]

At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] advised that he has a home address of [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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[Redacted] home telephone number [Redacted] a date of birth of [Redacted]
[Redacted] and a Social Security Account Number of [Redacted]

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Federal probe threatens Rostenkowski

NEW YORK — House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan



Rostenkowski

Rostenkowski could be severely shaken — if not toppled — by the results of a criminal probe into the alleged misuse of \$1.3 million in campaign funds, Time magazine

reported yesterday.

The 18-month-old investigation initially focused on a money-laundering scheme involving the House post office and House members whose stamp purchases appeared excessive.

But the newsweekly reports that investigators believe the stamp purchases by the Illinois Democrat and others were only a small part of a larger scheme to launder campaign funds and convert them for personal use.

The Time story, released to the media yesterday, is in the edition of the magazine that goes on sale today.

Subpoenas issued in the case have made it clear that investigators are looking into whether lawmakers or their aides illegally channeled campaign contributions through the House post office, Time says.

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CONTACT DECEMBER 7, 1992 WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) REGARDING BARON

SHACKLETTE, 250 CONTINUATION STREET, PITTSVIEW, ALA.,

DETERMINED THAT SHACKLETTE, AGE 83, APPEARS TO ENJOY VERY GOOD
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR A PERSON HIS AGE, AND IS QUITE
ALERT. SHACKLETTE CONTINUES TO DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE AND IS
FREQUENTLY SEEN WORKING IN HIS YARD DURING EXTREMES OF ALABAMA

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IT WAS DETERMINED, HOWEVER, THAT MRS. SHACKLETTE IS IN ILL HEALTH, AND NO ONE RESIDES WITH THEM WHO COULD TAKE CARE OF HER SHOULD MR. SHACKLETTE BE REQUIRED TO BE AWAY FROM HOME FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONALLY, NO KNOWN RELATIVES RESIDE IN THE PITTSVIEW, ALA., AREA.

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Rep. Rostenkowski Faces New Pressure Over Use of Funds

By JOHN HARWOOD

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON — Reports that Rep. Dan Rostenkowski spent \$99,000 in political contributions to rent office space in a family-owned building and to purchase stamps from the House post office could signal mounting political problems for the powerful House Ways and Means chairman.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that the Illinois Democrat has spent \$73,000 in campaign funds to rent what appears to be a vacant office in a building he owns with his sister. The newspaper also said that two Rostenkowski-controlled political committees had indicated that they spent \$26,000 on stamps from the House post office, in addition to the widely reported \$29,000 in stamp purchases made by his congressional office.

Mr. Rostenkowski disputed the newspaper's claim that he had paid himself to rent a "phantom office," saying he uses the space to store campaign materials and monitor congressional activity on cable television. Aides to the veteran lawmaker yesterday noted that the newspaper reports didn't accuse the lawmaker of illegal actions. "He just is reiterating his previous statement that he has done nothing improper," said a spokesman.

The post office's operations are the subject of a federal grand jury investigation here. Mr. Rostenkowski and two other House members, Pennsylvania Democrats Joseph Kolter and Austin Murphy, declined to testify before the grand jury in July, dismissing the inquiry as a "fishing expedition." The grand jury has subpoenaed at least 20 current and former aides to Mr. Rostenkowski. The lawmaker has denied any wrongdoing, and his aides have said he hasn't been told that he is a target of an investigation.

Earlier this year, it was reported that a former post office employee told prosecutors that the 17-term lawmaker had received cash in exchange for vouchers intended for postage stamps for official use. Six post office employees have pleaded guilty to various charges arising from a criminal investigation of the office's operations that was begun last year by the U.S. attorney.

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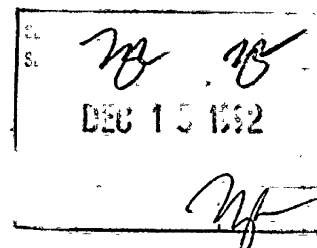
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Renting office from self Rostenkowski on hook again

By Paul M. Rodriguez

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski has reported little or no income on his annual financial disclosure statements for a building he owns in Chicago, although his campaign has paid at least \$73,000 to rent space there during the past six years.

The Illinois Democrat, who chairs the powerful tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, listed one of two addresses for the building in Northside Chicago as a "rental" in his May 1992 disclosure form but said the venture produced no income. The 1992 form covered calendar year 1991.

The building, which is worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000, generated from \$200 to \$1,000 in rental income in 1990, according to Mr. Rostenkowski's 1991 disclosure statement.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported this week that his campaign has been renting an office space in the building from at least 1986 and has paid from \$500 to \$1,250 a month for an office in the building the congressman and his elder twin sisters inherited from their father in 1970.

The campaign funds, which have been paid to Nobel Building Accounts, have been listed as rent on public campaign expense reports filed several times a year with the Federal Election Commission. However, until the Sun-Times report, it was not known that Nobel Building Accounts was a venture affiliated with the congressman's family.

Mr. Rostenkowski's sister, Gladys, told the newspaper Friday that the ground-floor space has been vacant for years and she knew nothing about it being leased for campaign purposes.

But Mr. Rostenkowski, who main-
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tains two full-time congressional offices in Chicago, told the newspaper: "It is a normal office," and when asked who staffs it, he replied: "I am the staff."

Mr. Rostenkowski currently is being investigated by a federal grand jury in the District for alleged wrongdoing at the House post office, including a stamps-for-cash scheme involving thousands of dollars in congressional expense vouchers.

Mr. Rostenkowski charged taxpayers and political funds \$55,000 for stamps from the post office since 1986 in several large transactions, the Sun-Times reported yesterday.

The newspaper said Mr. Rostenkowski bought \$1,000 or more in stamps from the House post office on at least 27 occasions.

On the Chicago rental property, a spokesman in Mr. Rostenkowski's office could not explain yesterday why it was reported as a minor profit-making venture in 1990, but not an income producer a year later. The spokesman also could not provide

details about the congressman's ties to the property or any financial connections Mr. Rostenkowski has with Nobel Building Accounts.

In a 1972 campaign filing, Mr. Rostenkowski listed the Chicago property — located at 1349 West Nobel St. — as headquarters of "Rostenkowski for Congress Committee." He also listed his personal residence in an adjacent building around the corner at 1372 West Evergreen St.

It is in this back-to-back building complex bordered by Nobel and Evergreen streets that Mr. Rostenkowski's family built at the turn of the century and he has lived in for years.

The business and residence buildings, apparently, are connected inside in at least one section, according to sources familiar with the structures, where Mr. Rostenkowski and his surviving sister maintain separate residences.

Although Mr. Rostenkowski is a well-known public figure after 34 years in the House, he keeps his personal life and finances well protected.

For example, while his campaign committee now rents the original campaign headquarters on Nobel Street and pays \$1,250 a month to

Nobel Building Accounts, Mr. Rostenkowski does not list such a venture on his private financial disclosure statements reviewed yesterday by The Times.

House officials and associates of the congressman suggested yesterday that Mr. Rostenkowski has avoided publicly disclosing his ties to Nobel Building Accounts through a series of complicated tax maneuvers that involve his family, including his elder sister and a daughter.

"Just because the man may be intimately involved with his family's affairs doesn't mean that he's done anything illegal," said one of the congressman's associates.

In fact, federal election laws are unclear about such arrangements, as are House ethics rules. Generally, the rules prohibit transactions that may cause a conflict of interest for a member. Lawmakers are also banned from enriching themselves with public funds, such as campaign monies.

The rules, however, do provide loopholes, such as allowing members to lease office spaces to their campaign organizations so long as the rents are similar to those charged in the same area.

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AVAILABLE BOSTON SOURCES DETERMINED FORMER EMPLOYEE OF

U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI-ILLINOIS TO BE [REDACTED]

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TELEPHONE [REDACTED] SEX: [REDACTED] HEIGHT: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SSAN AND MASSACHUSETTS DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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Re: Chicago telcall of 12/16/92 from SSA [REDACTED] to
WMFO SSA [REDACTED]

For the information of FBIHQ, in referenced telcall, Chicago requested a summary of the captioned matter due to the increasing involvement of the Chicago Field Division in the investigation of this case and this matter's sensitivity. Inasmuch as this is an up-to-date summary of this investigation, this is also being provided to FBIHQ for informational purposes.

This case was initially predicated upon a complaint from the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office (HPO) to the U.S. Capitol Police in April of 1991. The substance of this complaint was that the stamp and currency drawer of an AWOL HPO Stamp Clerk was short approximately \$7000.00. This initial complaint and subsequent audit conducted by the Capitol Police led to the notification

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and involvement of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) in July of 1991.

Audits and other investigation conducted by the USPIS found that 9 of the 12 employees responsible for cash and stamps at the HPO were short a total of approximately \$37,000.00 out of a total cash and stamp accountability of approximately \$475,000.00. The USPIS and the Capitol Police determined that certain HPO employees were involved in the embezzlement of Government funds and other illegal activities such as drug trafficking, check kiting, failure to work overtime that was claimed, backdating of mail and the use of special HPO accounts to express mail personal items.

A total of five individuals have pleaded guilty as a result of this initial investigation conducted by the Capitol Police and the USPIS. These individuals and the crimes that they have pleaded to are as follows:

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4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

Per their plea agreements, the above named individuals all agreed to cooperate fully with the government in its investigation of the HPO.

Interviews of these individuals as well as independent investigation conducted by the Capitol Police and the USPIS determined, in addition to these individuals and charges, that the management of the HPO and various Representatives were involved in certain illegal activities. These illegal activities included the improper conversion of U.S. funds allocated for postal expenses to cash for the Representative's personal use and the utilization of the HPO to convert checks, drawn on the Representative's Campaign Fund accounts, to cash for the Representative's personal use.

Involvement of the Washington Field Division of the FBI into this matter was predicated upon the corroborative

information given by [REDACTED]
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Representatives have been identified as Austin Murphy, Joe Kolter and Dan Rostenkowski.

Besides these three Congressman which are currently under active investigation, this second phase of this investigation has led to the identification of other House officers, staffers and other individuals who have been involved in this scheme or have attempted to obstruct this investigation. These individuals and their current status in this investigation are as follows:

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In the way of background information for the Chicago Field Division, the aforementioned vouchers involved in these allegations are used to obtain various office services and supplies, including postage stamps for official mailings. To utilize a voucher to obtain postage stamps, a Member completes the voucher specifying the quantity and price of the item requested, and submits it to the House Post Office. The Member receives the stamps and a copy of the voucher. The original voucher is kept by the Director of

Accountable Papers until he forwards it to the House Finance Committee for reimbursement. After the voucher is paid, the Member's administrative expense account is debited in the amount of the voucher. The paid voucher itself is stored with the disbursing office of the Clerk of the House.

According to [redacted] and corroborated by [redacted]
[redacted] allowed certain Members to
obtain cash from the House Post Office in exchange for
vouchers that were completed to officially request postage
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In June of 1992, at the offices of the United States Attorney, [REDACTED]

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Also in June of 1992, [REDACTED] through his attorney, provided information to the United States Attorney's office regarding this matter. [REDACTED] statement, according to Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] contained among other things, information that [REDACTED]

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The statement contained further information that

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[REDACTED] This information is consistent with the information that has been provided by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as previously stated, is

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[REDACTED]

In 1980, WMFO conducted an investigation with parallel allegations regarding this "stamps for cash" scheme. This investigation, which was initiated upon a request for a preliminary investigation from the Department of Justice, centered around information that retiring Members from the House of Representatives were leaving office with large amounts of postage stamps obtained from the House Post Office. This matter was eventually closed as prosecution was declined by the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice due to lack of criminal intent on the part of the Members involved.

During this 1980 investigation, however, [redacted] [redacted] were both interviewed by Trial Attorneys from the Public Integrity Section. During these interviews, which were conducted on [redacted]

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[redacted] United States Attorney for the District of Columbia summoned [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury and question him as to his knowledge as it may pertain to the current ongoing investigation. During this Grand Jury testimony, [redacted]

On June 19, 1992, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia sent letters to the [redacted] [redacted] These letters extended invitations to these [redacted] to testify as to these matters before the June 25, 1992, session of the Federal Grand Jury. All three of these [redacted] refused to testify before that or any other session of the Grand Jury [redacted]

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Since this time, the Plate Block investigative team, which contains personnel from WMFO, the USPIS and the U.S. Capitol police as well as the three Assistant United States Attorneys assigned to this matter, have subpoenaed [redacted] and have subpoenaed and interviewed numerous [redacted] [redacted] as well as other persons who may have knowledge of these allegations.

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The sum and substance of these interviews has been to verify that very few, if any, postage stamps were used in the Washington or District offices of the subjects as Members have the Franking privilege, and most had no knowledge whatsoever that large amounts of stamps were being purchased. Also, corroborative information has been obtained concerning the conversion of campaign funds to cash by creating checks made payable to the HPO for postage expenses and then having these checks redeemed by the HPO Postmaster for cash.

Further, it is realized that there exists the distinct possibility that this practice may not have been limited to just the three Representatives currently under investigation. Efforts are being made to determine if additional members of Congress were involved in this scheme. It is WMFO's belief that additional allegations identifying

more subjects may be realized if [redacted]
cooperation is obtained. [redacted]

[redacted] his cooperation could prove
invaluable to this investigation. Efforts will also be made
to obtain the cooperation of [redacted] who
is under investigation for his involvement [redacted]
[redacted] which is concurrently being investigated by WMFO.
This is being followed and coordinated with Agents assigned to
that matter.

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Additionally, recent allegations have arisen
regarding the possibility that U.S. Government funds as well
as campaign funds may have been illegally utilized by
Rostenkowski. These allegations stem from Federal Grand Jury
testimony as well as recent articles published in various
newspapers. These allegations, which currently are being
actively pursued, center around the questionable ownership and
payments of rent of office space in Chicago at 1347-1349 North
Noble St., which Rostenkowski claims to be a campaign office
but appears to be vacant, and the ownership and payment of
rent for his District office located at 2148 North Damen St.,
also in Chicago. It is believed, from initial investigation,
that Rostenkowski may be returning all, or a portion, of the
rents paid for these properties to himself.

The captioned matter is receiving the highest
priority at WMFO and at the office of the United States
Attorney. It is the intent of the prosecutors assigned to
this matter, as well as the Department of Justice, to proceed
toward returning felony indictments against Rostenkowski,
Kolter and Murphy at the earliest possible date and to
expeditiously pursue investigation of any other Members who
are identified as having participated in this scheme as well
as staff employees and or associates who may have assisted or
participated in any criminal activity.

The above is provided for informational purposes
and to update Chicago as it is anticipated that additional
leads for the Chicago Field Division will be forthcoming.
Chicago's assistance in this matter to date has been
outstanding and leads have been thoroughly covered in an
expeditious manner which has greatly enhanced this
investigation.

WMFO greatly appreciates Chicago's assistance in
this matter.

Rostenkowski caught between powerful forces

FROM COMBINED DISPATCHES

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski faces two serious challenges to his power from a Justice Department investigation and disgruntled colleagues.

The Chicago Democrat, whose role as chief tax writer makes him one of the most powerful men in the House, is poised to play a key role in the coming year as gatekeeper to President-elect Clinton's economic and health care proposals.

House Democrats, responding in part to complaints that Mr. Rostenkowski seemed more responsive to President Bush than fellow Democrats over the past two years, voted to check the powers of all committee chairmen.

Fifty-three of the 258 Democrats expressed special displeasure with Mr. Rostenkowski, casting secret ballots to end his reign.

And two publications carried reports last week of possible fiscal impropriety by Mr. Rostenkowski, who earlier this year used the Fifth Amendment shield against self-incrimination before a grand jury investigating the House post office scandal.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported he spent \$55,000 on stamps at the House post office in the last five years. The newspaper said Mr. Rostenkowski had rented vacant space in a house owned by himself and his sister with \$73,000 in campaign funds, which violates no law.

Time Magazine reported investigators believe stamp purchases by Mr. Rostenkowski and others may be part of a larger scheme to launder campaign funds and convert them for personal use.

Subpoenas issued in the case have made it clear that investigators are looking into whether lawmakers or their aides illegally channeled campaign contributions through the House post office, the magazine says.

Since Jan. 22, The Washington Times has published a number of articles on wrongdoing at the post office, including allegations that members of Congress converted stamps for cash, used post office employees for non-postal functions, circumvented restrictions on franked mail and made use of special post office boxes to collect campaign contributions.

The Times, citing government records, has reported apparent discrepancies in campaign postage and printing expenditures by

Mr. Rostenkowski and other Democratic congressmen.

According to House records and federal campaign reports, for example, Mr. Rostenkowski purchased \$16,750 worth of postage stamps with campaign funds during the 1989-1990 election cycle — enough to mail 67,000 first-class letters or more than twice as many bulk-mail circulars — even though he had no opponents. A first-class-mail stamp was then 25 cents.

The congressman's campaign printing, stationery and envelope disbursements for the same period totaled less than \$2,000.

District of Columbia U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens has issued subpoenas to Mr. Rostenkowski and two other House members for their office accounts going back to 1986, including their records involving purchases of postage stamps.

Mr. Stephens told a news conference last week that "substantive progress" was being made in the Rostenkowski and House post office investigations, and that he would pursue them to "an appropriate conclusion."

In the meantime, Mr. Rostenkowski will need to be looking over his shoulder at fellow Democrats. Congressional sources say Democrats tightened up rules covering committee chairman as a shot across the bow of Mr. Rostenkowski and other powerful chairmen.

"It's certainly not viewed that way from here," said a spokesman for Mr. Rostenkowski. "I know of no instance in which the leadership asked him for something and he didn't deliver."

Mr. Rostenkowski's opponents are ready to enumerate cases — but anonymously, a reflection of the Chicago congressman's power on Capitol Hill.

They accuse him of delaying action on extending jobless benefits, which set Democrats on a collision course with Mr. Bush. Mr. Rostenkowski liked to characterize himself as a friend of the president's.

They also say he stalled for a year a vote opposed by Mr. Bush to cut taxes on the middle class and raise them on the rich. Critics say, too, that Mr. Rostenkowski stalled consideration of health care legislation.

"It's all not true," the Rostenkowski spokesman said. "Obviously you can print whatever you want."

The spokesman also said Mr. Rostenkowski has led the way in promising to cooperate with Mr. Clinton's program in the coming year.

His colleagues will be watching, backed up by new rules, including one that requires a vote on removing a chairman if 50 members sign a petition.



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AUDITS AND OTHER INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE USPIS FOUND THAT SEVERAL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR CASH AND STAMPS AT THE HPO WERE SHORT A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$37,000 OUT OF A TOTAL CASH AND STAMP ACCOUNTABILITY OF APPROXIMATELY \$475,000. INVESTIGATION BY THE USPIS AND THE CAPITOL POLICE DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN HPO EMPLOYEES WERE INVOLVED IN THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, CHECK KITING, FAILURE TO WORK OVERTIME THAT WAS CLAIMED, BACK DATING OF MAIL, AND THE USE OF SPECIAL HPO ACCOUNTS TO EXPRESS MAIL PERSONAL ITEMS.

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GRAND JURY TESTIMONY GATHERED TO DATE IN CAPTIONED MATTER HAS
REVEALED [REDACTED]

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STREET AND THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OF 2150 N. DAMON STREET ARE

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THAT [REDACTED]

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THE USA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION BE
CONDUCTED BY THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION REGARDING THE 2148 AND
2150 N. DAMON PROPERTIES.

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. CONDUCT COMPLETE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS CHECK OF THE
2148 AND 2150 N. DAMON PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE BUT NOT
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AND PERTINENT TAX RECORD INFORMATION.

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2. FROM THE PUBLIC AREA SURROUNDING THE 2148 AND 2150 N. DAMON PREMISES, DETERMINE AND PHOTOGRAPH THE FOLLOWING:

A. DOES THE ADDRESS OF 2150 HAVE A SEPARATE OPERABLE ENTRANCE.

B. DOES THE ADDRESS 2150 HAVE A SEPARATE RECEPTACLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF U.S. MAIL.

3. PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHS IN ADDITION TO THOSE MADE TO SUPPORT THE AFOREMENTIONED ITEM, THAT SHOW AN OVERALL SIDE AND FRONT VIEW OF THE PROPERTY, AS WELL AS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE TWO ADDRESSES TO THE OTHER PROPERTIES ON THE SAME BLOCK.

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[REDACTED] BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER.

WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, THE USA WILL BE ISSUING FGJ
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[REDACTED] CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI IN THIS CRIMINAL
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Re Chicago telcall from SA [redacted] to
NVMRA SA [redacted] dated 12/16/92.

Enclosed for NVMRA is real estate information concerning DAN ROSTENKOWSKI and his family members. Also enclosed are copies of Chicago newspaper articles concerning ROSTENKOWSKI dated December 8, 9, 15, and 16, 1992.

The enclosed information is being provided to NVMRA, as requested in referenced telcall.

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Will coordinate future leads.

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Re WMFO teletype to Mobile 2/7/92; Mobile teletype to WMFO 12/8/92; and WMFO teletype to Boston, 12/14/92.

Enclosed for Boston are the original and three copies of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena for the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C. (WDC) for [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for Mobile are the original and three copies of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena for the District of Columbia, WDC, for [REDACTED]

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For information of Boston, the United States Attorney's Office, WDC, has verified through an additional source that [REDACTED] (phonetic) does in fact reside in the Boston area, and is employed as [REDACTED]

For the information of both offices, the United States Attorney's Office, WDC, has requested, for investigative reasons, that these subpoenas be served expeditiously.

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MOBILE

at Pittsview, Alabama

Serve enclosed subpoena on

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Receiving offices are requested to notify WMFO (NVMRA), Squad C-9, Ext. 6287 with confirmation of subpoena service.

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AS CHICAGO IS AWARE, THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH WMFO, THE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO), WASHINGTON, D.C.

(WDC), HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY OF INTERVIEW OF
DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI [REDACTED]

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ON DECEMBER 30, 1992, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
(AUSA) [REDACTED] WDC, REQUESTED THAT AN ATTEMPT BE
MADE BY CHICAGO FBI TO INTERVIEW HER FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION SHE PROVIDED IN
THE DECEMBER 13, 1992 CHICAGO SUN-TIMES INTERVIEW REGARDING

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THE OWNERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE 1347 AND 1349
NORTH NOBLE STREET ADDRESSES.

WHILE WMFO UNDERSTANDS THAT CHICAGO'S ATTEMPT TO
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] MAY BE FRUITLESS, CONFLICTING
STATEMENTS IN THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES ARTICLE REGARDING THE
OWNERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NOBLE STREET ADDRESSES SUGGEST
POSSIBLE FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO.

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BY FACSIMILE, CHICAGO IS BEING PROVIDED A LIST OF
QUESTIONS AND TOPICS (WHICH SHOULD BE COVERED, BUT NOT LIMITED
TO) PREPARED BY AUSA [REDACTED] IN THE EVENT [REDACTED]
IS AMENABLE TO AN INTERVIEW.

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Rostenkowski Probe Grows In Its Scope

Grand Jury Gathering Records of All Funds

By Michael York and Eric Pianin
Washington Post Staff Writers

A federal grand jury has broadened its investigation of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), seeking records of all funds he has received or spent during the past several years, according to sources familiar with the inquiry.

Investigators, supervised by U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, have obtained records here and in Chicago of Rostenkowski's bank accounts as well as financial records of his campaign organization, congressional offices, business accounts and statements filed with financial institutions, the sources said.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Rostenkowski complained about the widening nature of the investigation, which he said included subpoenas to some employees who had worked for him only a few months. "My lawyers tell me I'm not a target and then I see all these leaks. I think I'm being tried in the press. They don't have anything, but it makes me look guilty," he said.

The "net worth investigation" goes well beyond the scope of the original probe begun last spring, which sought to determine whether Rostenkowski and two other House Democrats converted congressional expense vouchers or campaign funds to cash through transactions that were made to look like stamp purchases at the House Post Office.

In addition, sources said, at least two criminal investigators from the Internal Revenue Service have been assigned to work full time on the investigation here and in Chicago.

Such an investigation usually requires approval by the Justice Department's Tax Division as well as by senior officials of the Internal Revenue Service.

CNN reported last night that the grand jury is investigating "possible income tax violations," and quoted sources saying that "felony charges including tax fraud may soon be brought."

"The fact is, they've subpoenaed a lot of paper," a Rostenkowski aide said yesterday. "It [the investigation] has been pretty broad. They've laid their hands on just about any conceivable thing."

The federal probe has examined the purchase of more than \$55,000

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Federal Grand Jury Expands Probe Of Chairman Rostenkowski's Funds

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worth of stamps by Rostenkowski's campaign and congressional office, as well as allegations that some vouchers that were supposed to be used for stamps were exchanged for cash.

The probe also is examining more than \$73,000 in payments made by Rostenkowski's campaign committees since 1986 to rent office space in a building adjacent to Rostenkowski's North Side Chicago house. Rostenkowski and his two sisters jointly own the building.

Stephens has said the grand jury also is investigating possible obstruction of justice, and sources said yesterday that inquiry focuses on whether Rostenkowski, several of his aides and their lawyers have improperly agreed to impede the investigation.

At least two of the lawyers for Rostenkowski aides have been paid with funds from the congressman's

campaign or from a political action committee controlled by Rostenkowski, the sources said. While such financial arrangements are not illegal, the sources said, an agreement to withhold evidence could violate federal law.

House counsel Steven Ross declined to comment Thursday about the legal representation of Rostenkowski aides, but sources familiar with the defense said it is not unusual, or improper, for lawyers and witnesses to share information about the investigation among themselves while at the same time declining to cooperate with the grand jury.

The grand jury met for four hours Thursday and heard testimony from several witnesses, including Robert J. Leonard, former chief counsel and staff director of the Ways and Means Committee. Leonard, who spent nearly three hours with the jury, was accompanied by Ross and two other House lawyers.

House Sergeant-at-Arms Werner

Brandt and the director of House members' payroll, George Chapin, also made brief appearances before the grand jury, apparently to deliver subpoenaed documents. Ways and Means Committee press secretary James M. Jaffe also is scheduled to testify before the grand jury.

At least 18 aides in Rostenkowski's congressional office and on the committee staff were subpoenaed by the grand jury between Nov. 6 and Dec. 31, according to formal notices filed this week with House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.).

The grand jury previously subpoenaed expense vouchers dating from 1986 to April 1992 for Rostenkowski and two others, Rep. Austin J. Murphy (D-Pa.) and former representative Joe Kolter (D-Pa.), who also are being investigated for possible misuse of vouchers written for postage stamps.

Staff writer Edward Walsh in Chicago contributed to this report.

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Besieged at the Pinnacle of Power

Ways and Means Chairman Rostenkowski Dogged by Ethics Questions as He Starts 18th Term

By Edward Walsh and Eric Pianin
Washington Post Staff Writers

During the first week of the new year, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) celebrated his 65th birthday and began his 18th term in Congress. He is at the pinnacle of power, and after 12 often frustrating years of dealing with Republican presidents he can look forward to a burst of legislative activity under a new Democratic chief executive when Bill Clinton takes office on Jan. 20.

So how is the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee feeling these days?

"He feels sort of besieged," said a Rostenkowski aide on Capitol Hill.

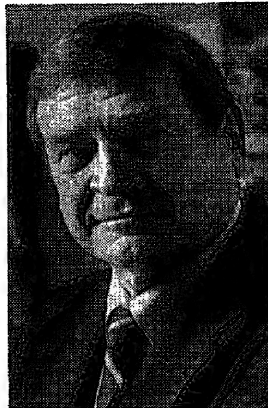
In fact, these are far from the best of times for the gruff Chicago Democrat who has held public office since the age of 24. In Washington, a federal grand jury is investigating whether Rostenkowski used unusually large, purported purchases of stamps from the House Post Office in an elaborate money-laundering scheme to convert campaign contributions and office expense vouchers into personal funds. That investigation has been broadened to include subpoenas of records of virtually all of Rostenkowski's financial transactions in recent years.

In Chicago, the Sun-Times has been in hot pursuit of Rostenkowski, most recently questioning why his campaign organization is paying \$1,250 a month to rent an apparently little-used office in a building owned by the congressman and his sister, who lives in an apartment above the storefront office.

"No one likes to be a punching bag," Rostenkowski said in a telephone interview from his home in Chicago. He described himself as "frustrated and somewhat forlorn" over the continuing grand jury investigation and its possible impact on his leadership role in Congress.

"I want to be a strong leader and chairman," he said. "I want to participate. That's why I ran again after 34 years. I didn't need 36 years."

The federal probe of allegations that Rostenkowski may have illegally pocketed nearly \$56,000 in public and campaign funds through an arrangement with House Post Office officials has left many of his



REP. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI
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Democratic and Republican colleagues baffled and disbelieving.

Why, some ask, would a powerful political figure who could have retired this year and lawfully kept more than \$1 million in his campaign war chest risk all by chiseling on the purchase of postage stamps?

"As far as any of us are concerned, it's a non-issue," said Rep. Benjamin C. Cardin (D-Md.), a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

A similar skepticism exists among Rostenkowski allies in Chicago. "The initial reaction of people is that this is impossible," said Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor. "He had all that money in the campaign fund and he could have taken it. [The Post Office allegation] seems kind of inconsequential and most people are saying it doesn't make sense."

Because of a change in the law, this month marked the last time retiring members of Congress could retain accumulated campaign funds for personal use. When he took the oath of office as a member of the 103rd Congress last week, Rostenkowski forfeited that right. "He raised his hand and gave away \$1 million," said Chicago banker William M. Daley, the brother of Mayor Richard M. Daley and a Rostenkowski confidant.

Still, U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens is pressing ahead and appar-

ently widening the investigation. Last week he began calling Rostenkowski aides before the grand jury. And while Rostenkowski's friends are quick to point to the forgone campaign funds as evidence that he is not driven by a desire to enrich himself, Rostenkowski has never fully explained why a member of Congress who enjoys free mailing privileges would need thousands of dollars in stamps.

In the recent telephone interview, Rostenkowski, citing his lawyers' advice, said he would not discuss the House Post Office investigation. He said he offered to meet informally with prosecutors and again cited his lawyers' advice as the reason he refused last summer to testify before the grand jury. Asked if there is a plausible explanation for his large stamp purchases, he said, "I think so."

Rostenkowski's allies in Chicago and in Washington hope that is the case, for the importance of the man they call "Rosty"—both to his city and his party—has never been greater. When Clinton bypassed William Daley for the post of transportation secretary, it left Chicago without a representative in the president's Cabinet for the first time in decades. Should the city's most powerful member of Congress then be toppled by the grand jury investigation, "that would be a tremendous blow to Illinois and Chicago," said Daley, reflecting the views of downtown business and political leaders.

But not everyone sees Rostenkowski that way. According to

David Axelrod, a Chicago political consultant who worked for Rostenkowski in the Democratic primary last March, there is "a vast disparity between the two worlds" of Rostenkowski's life in Washington and Chicago. "He's exalted in Washington," Axelrod said. "He comes back here and he's just another old ward committeeman."

In November, running against a political unknown, Rostenkowski won 57 percent of the vote, a respectable showing but well below the overwhelming landslide margins he has enjoyed against hapless Republican opponents in the past. There were mitigating circumstances: He was beaten up by his primary opponent's negative campaign; he was a longtime incumbent in a year in which many other incumbents didn't survive; and about 80 percent of his district was new territory, including areas where Rostenkowski's antiabortion stance was unpopular.

But, Axelrod said, "there's been damage, no question about it. Right now the only stories you see associated with his name are negative. The question is what happens when he starts to move health-care reform and other major legislation through Congress."

Rostenkowski, who has chaired the Ways and Means Committee since 1981, is being counted on by many to play a crucial role in guiding Clinton's fiscal and health-care proposals through Congress.

By all accounts, he has quickly developed a close working relationship with Clinton.

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Rostenkowski Asks Court To Bar Leaks

Associated Press

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) asked a federal court yesterday to prevent what he called prosecution leaks in a grand jury investigation of the House Post Office, an aide to the lawmaker said.

The motion was immediately placed under seal by the chief judge of U.S. District Court, John Garrett Penn. The judge's chambers said court rules require that all grand jury matters be sealed.

Rostenkowski has acknowledged the grand jury is investigating his purchase of stamps at the House Post Office, to determine whether he illegally obtained cash through stamp transactions. But he has denied any wrongdoing and accused U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, a Republican, of conducting a political fishing expedition.

A Rostenkowski aide said the lawmaker's attorneys objected to placing the motion under seal, adding that Rostenkowski originally intended to make it public.

A number of news stories, quoting sources, have said that the original investigation of possibly illegal stamp transactions has expanded significantly. Areas now under investigation, according to the stories, include Rostenkowski's tax, financial and campaign records, campaign payments for office space in a Chicago building owned by the Rostenkowski family and alleged attempts to obstruct the probe.

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Scandals tax Rostenkowski

Dealings are target of probe

By Leslie Phillips
USA TODAY

Dan Rostenkowski, a consummate Washington insider, finds himself at the center of a criminal investigation as he prepares to steer the incoming Clinton administration's crucial economic and health-care proposals through Congress.

Rostenkowski is the gruff, 18-term Democratic congressman from Chicago, longtime chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means committee and one of Washington's most influential elected officials.

But he's in hot water:

► A series of *Chicago Sun-Times* articles criticized him for spending \$73,000 in campaign money for renting office space in a building he co-owns. Rostenkowski said the space was a campaign office.

The *Sun-Times* questioned the use of the room, saying the arrangement was "sleazy." House members aren't allowed to use campaign money for personal use.

► He also came under fire after the paper reported he used the \$55,000 supposedly used to purchase stamps from the House Post Office since 1986 for his own use. House members don't have to pay for stamps under franking privileges. A federal grand jury is probing the House Post Office and has subpoenaed some of his campaign records.

Time magazine said he was the worst of the House members, pretending to buy massive amounts of stamps in a plot to transfer campaign funds to their personal use.

Rostenkowski denies wrongdoing. He has accused U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens, a



By H. Darr Belser, USA TODAY

BESIEGED: Rep. Dan Rostenkowski has been linked to the House post office scandal and criticized on campaign funds.

“The chairman’s just going to fight back. He’s been getting slowly bled white by these leaks and he feels it’s time he defend himself.”

— Pat Jones, press secretary

Republican, of political witch-hunting and excessive ambition. Stephens has refused to comment on the Rostenkowski probe.

Rostenkowski filed a motion this week to prohibit the Justice Department from — he claimed — leaking grand jury information.

“It’s not only brazen, it’s illegal,” says Rostenkowski’s press secretary Pat Jones about the reported leaks.

“The chairman’s just going

to fight back,” Jones says. “He’s been getting slowly bled white by these leaks and he feels it’s time that he defend himself.”

“Rostenkowski is a supreme pork politician,” says Chicago political consultant Don Rose, who informally advised his Democratic primary opponent last year.

“He’s a classic machine pol in this regard ... and the way of the Chicago machine politician is to beat the game. It doesn’t matter if you’re beating the game for pennies, nickels or dimes.”

Chicago media consultant David Axelrod, who worked on behalf of Rostenkowski in the last campaign, has a different point of view.

“This guy’s got some big issues on his mind,” Axelrod says. “The notion of him sitting down there plotting and scheming to get \$500 in walking around money is crazy. It just doesn’t make sense.”

Rostenkowski’s decision to run for an 18th term last year means he forfeits \$1 million

in campaign funds he could’ve kept had he retired.

First elected to the House in 1958, Rostenkowski enjoyed comfortable victory margins for years — often running unopposed.

But the 1992 election was his hardest race. He had a primary opponent for the first time in his career and he won his general election in November by his smallest winning margin ever — winning with only 59% of votes.

During the course of the post office investigation, six postal employees have pleaded guilty and former postmaster Robert Rota resigned.

Rostenkowski and Reps. Austin Murphy and Joe Kolter, both Democrats from Pennsylvania, were subpoenaed before a grand jury last summer but invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

Aides to the congressmen have since been subpoenaed and questioned.

The investigation “is clearly already interfering with his ability to run his committee and move legislation through Congress, by his own admission,” says Heritage Foundation congressional analyst David Mason.

“He’s distracted as one naturally would be,” he says.

Democratic Caucus rules would require Rostenkowski to step down as chairman of Ways and Means if indicted.

Stephens, who serves at the pleasure of the president, surely will be replaced within the next several months.

But his Democratic replacement might find it difficult to end a longstanding investigation that also has an impeached grand jury.

Any decision to indict a political figure as prominent as Rostenkowski would likely need approval from high Justice Department officials.

But the incoming Democratic president might be expected to remain uninvolved to maintain the appearance of impartiality.

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